

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet member adults, health and wellbeing

Title	Community Spaces Capital Grant Scheme
Decision maker	Cabinet member adults, health and wellbeing Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here: http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251
Date of decision	15 November 2024
Report exemption class	Open
Reason for being a key decision	This is a key decision because it is likely to result in the council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the council's budget for the service or function concerned. A threshold of £500,000 is regarded as significant.
A notice was served in accordance with Part 3 (Key decisions) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.	
General exception or special urgency (as defined in the constitution)	No
Purpose	Following the approval of the outline business case for the community spaces capital grant scheme this is to approve the approach and drawdown of the £2million allocated within the capital budget. The aims of the grant scheme are to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. transform and improve existing/unused buildings for community benefit b. create improved spaces for communities to connect and for events and activities to be delivered c. increase opportunities for people to access integrated services in their community d. target areas of health inequalities and deprivation
Decision	That: a) The £2M of funding for the community spaces capital grant scheme is approved to progress the programme of work to deliver enhanced

	community hubs and assets across the county. b) Authority is delegated to the Corporate Director Community Wellbeing to draw down the funding and to take all operational and budgetary decisions to implement the recommended option.
Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50049617
Options considered	Do not utilise the funding for this scheme. This is not recommended because the delivery of enhanced community hubs and spaces will support the council's plan and ambitions by enabling residents to realise their potential, to be healthy and to be part of great communities who support each other. It will do this by continuing to develop approaches through Talk Community that build on people's strengths and the many resources they have in their local communities, such as our exceptionally strong voluntary sector.
Declarations of interest (see ▪ below)	N/A
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	25 November 2024

Councillor:	Date 19 November 2024
Cabinet member adults, health and wellbeing (Councillor Carole Gandy)	

- a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;

and

- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted.