

Written statement of a budget and policy framework decision

Title	Addition of Capital Budget to deliver IT Capital Programme
Decision maker	Cabinet for recommendation to Council on 7 February 2025 * 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	28 November 2024
Report exemption class	
A notice was served in accordance with Part 3, Section 9 (Publicity in connection with 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	For Cabinet to recommend to Council to approve an amendment to the capital programme to utilise underspends to fund two new projects, at a total of £368,000 for delivery of IT projects within this financial year.
Decision	That: the following be recommended to Council a) To approve the addition of £368,000 in this year's capital programme, to deliver Wide Area Network (WAN) replacement project and Telephony Contact Centre project, funded from underspends in the capital programme. That: Cabinet b) Delegates to the Director of Strategy and Transformation the spend, subject to Council approval, up to £368,000 to deliver the projects as part of the IT Capital Programme.
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=50050231
Options considered	1. Do not request Telephony Contact Centre and Wide Area Network Replacement projects funding is reallocated within the 2024/25 capital programme, instead progress for approval in the 2025/26 capital programme. Not recommended. This would delay implementation and in turn delay opportunities to modernise our services and implement transformational change to customer services delivery. In addition, delaying implementation will incur additional licencing and supplier costs to the organisation for only a short period, which does not present a cost-effective solution
Declarations of interest (see ▪ below)	
Call-in expiry date	Budget and policy framework item Under part 4, section 3 of the constitution, this decision is not subject to the usual call-in procedure as it is a budget and policy framework item and therefore must be decided at a meeting of the full Council.

Councillor:	Date 28 November 2024
Leader of the Council (Councillor Jonathan Lester)	

- 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.