

**WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A NON-KEY DECISION  
CABINET**

<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>POLICE RE-STRUCTURING IN ENGLAND AND WALES</b>
Members Present:	Councillors: RJ Phillips (Leader), Mrs LO Barnett, PJ Edwards, Mrs JP French, JC Mayson, DW Rule MBE (Deputy Leader), RV Stockton, DB Wilcox, RM Wilson.
Date of Decision:	29th June 2006
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
Urgent Decision:	No
Purpose:	To invite Cabinet to respond to the Secretary of State for Home Affairs reaffirming the Council's previous support for retaining a West Mercia Police Force and registering the Council's objection to the proposed merger of the Staffordshire, West Midlands and Warwickshire forces into a single police force for the whole of the West Midlands area.
<b>Decision:</b>	<b>THAT the Council reaffirms its objection to the formation of a single police force for the West Midlands on the basis of the reasons set out in this report.</b>
Reasons for the Decision:	Cabinet wish to reflect their support for retention of a separate West Mercia Police Force.
Options Considered:	The only alternative option would be to make no objection and to accept the proposals put forward by the Secretary of State for Home Affairs.
Declaration of Interest:	None.

**COUNCILLOR RJ PHILLIPS:**..... Date: 29th June 2006  
**LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**