

**Written statement of a key decision**  
**Cabinet**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Corporate Parenting Strategy</b>
Decision maker	Cabinet Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here: <a href="http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251</a>
Date of decision	19 December 2024
Report exemption class	Open
Reason for being a key decision	This is a key decision because it is likely to be significant having regard to: the strategic nature of the decision; and / or whether the outcome will have an impact, for better or worse, on the amenity of the community or quality of service provided by the authority to a significant number of people living or working in the locality (two or more wards) affected.
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	To approve the corporate parenting strategy 2025-2027.
<b>Decision</b>	That Cabinet  a) Endorse the corporate parenting strategy 2025-2027 as approved by the Corporate Parenting Board (appendix 1)  b) Delegated authority be given to the Corporate Director for Children and Young People to take all operational decisions, as set out within this report and appendices, that fall within the responsibility of Herefordshire Council.
Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at <a href="http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Id=50046541">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Id=50046541</a>

Options considered	The strategy sets out the ambition, actions and outcomes we, as a local authority, need to achieve for our children and young people as a Corporate Parent. We need to evidence the Council's commitment to corporate parenting, to define what difference it will achieve and to evaluate how outcomes are improved for looked after children and care leavers. The most appropriate way to do this is through a Corporate Parenting Strategy. Not to have such a strategy limits our ability to communicate the commitment and priority we are giving to our Looked After Children, Care Leavers and their carers.
Declarations of interest (see ▪ below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	27 December 2024

Councillor: ..... Leader of the Council (Councillor Jonathan Lester)	Date 19 December 2024
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- 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.