

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet member children and young people

Title	Holiday Activities & Food Programme 2025/26
Decision maker	Cabinet member children and young people 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	7 March 2025
Report exemption class	Open
Reason for being a key decision	
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 and spend Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) grant funding from the Department for Education.
Decision	That: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Herefordshire Council accepts the Department for Education grant for the delivery of the Holiday activities and food programme across Herefordshire to eligible children for 2025/26 and; b) The Head of Communities be authorised to take all operational decisions necessary to implement the programme in line with the grant conditions.
Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50051134

Options considered	<p>Alternative options</p> <p>1. Not to accept or part accept the grant. This is not recommended as this would mean that eligible children will miss out on activities and food and could impact on children becoming isolated and withdrawn and not accessing nutritious food. The HAF programme provides a range of activities and nutritious food and not having these opportunities could lead to unhealthier holidays and less opportunities.</p>
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	13 March 2025

<p>Councillor:</p> <p>Cabinet member children and young people (Councillor Ivan Powell)</p>	<p>Date 7 March 2025</p>
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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.