

**Written statement of a key decision**  
**Cabinet member economy and growth**

<b>Title</b>	<b>UKSPF Allocation 2025/2026</b>
Decision maker	Cabinet member economy and growth 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	25 March 2025
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	To accept and spend Herefordshire's UKSPF allocation for 2025/26, totalling £2,172,966, made up of £401,198 capital and £1,771,768 revenue.
Decision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a) the Cabinet Member for Economy and Growth approves the acceptance and expenditure of up to £2,172,966 of UKSPF allocated to Herefordshire, made up of £401,198 capital and £1,771,768 revenue; and</b></li> <li><b>b) Subject to DEFRA announcing a 2025/26 REPF budget, Cabinet Member for Economy and Growth approves the acceptance and expenditure of any subsequent allocation of REPF to Herefordshire; and</b></li> <li><b>c) To delegate to the Director for Growth, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economy and Growth, all operational decisions in implementing the funding, in accordance with conditions imposed by Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) and the Department for Environment, Food</b></li> </ul>

	<b>and Rural Affairs (DEFRA).</b>
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/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Ild=50050751">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Ild=50050751</a>
Options considered	1. Do nothing – The council could choose not to accept the funding and implement the programme of projects in Herefordshire, funded by UKSPF and REPF, however, this would result in the council being unable to access upwards of £2,172,966, allocated to the county, which is critical to supporting the economic growth of Herefordshire. This option is not recommended.
Declarations of interest (see ▪ below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	31 March 2025

Councillor: ..... Cabinet member economy and growth (Councillor Graham Biggs)	Date 25 March 2025
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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.