

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

<b>Title</b>	<b>Food Waste Collection Service</b>
Decision maker	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here:</p> <p><a href="http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251</a></p>
Date of decision	1 May 2025
Report exemption class	Open
Reason for being a key decision	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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	Following the successful award and mobilisation of the new waste collection service this report is to consider the business case for the introduction of a new food waste collection service.
<b>Decision</b>	<p><b>That conditional on sufficient annual new burdens revenue grant received from government that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a) Cabinet approves the commencement of a new food waste collection;</b></li> <li><b>b) Authority is delegated to the Corporate Director for Economy and Environment to enact the existing option</b></li> </ul>

	<p>to introduce a weekly food waste service within the recyclables and waste collection contract with FCC Environment for an initial term of 6 years, including options to extend by up to a further 12 years;</p> <p>c) Authority is delegated to the Corporate Director for Economy and Environment to enact the existing variation option to within the current waste disposal contract with Mercia Waste Management Ltd to recycle the food waste;</p> <p>d) To authorise the expenditure as detailed in Appendix 1 to purchase the new food waste collection fleet and to purchase and deliver the new food containers and caddy liners;</p> <p>e) To authorise the expenditure as detailed in Appendix 1 for the required depot improvements works and to mobilise the new service;</p> <p>f) Delegate all operational decisions to implement the above recommendations and to undertake the annual review of commercial food waste fees and charges to the Head of Environment, Climate Emergency &amp; Waste.</p>
Reason for the decision	<p>As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at</p> <p><a href="http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Id=50051220">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Id=50051220</a></p>
Options considered	<p>1. Do nothing - This is not an option as the Council has a statutory duty under the Environment Act 2021 to provide a weekly food waste collection service from households and to recycle food waste from 31 March 2026.</p> <p>2. Do nothing – This is not an option as the Council has a new responsibility under the updated <a href="#">Simpler Recycling guidance November 2024</a> to provide a food waste collection service for some businesses, if requested, from 31 March 2025.</p>
Declarations of interest (see ▪ below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	8 May 2025

Councillor: ..... Leader of the Council (Councillor Jonathan Lester)	Date 1 May 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.