

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet

Title	Corporate Peer Challenge
Decision maker	Cabinet 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	25 September 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 receive the report on the outcome of the Local Government Association Corporate Peer Challenge, held 23 - 26 June 2025, and to approve the council's action plan in response to the recommendations for publication.
Decision	That: a) Cabinet receives the report and recommendations arising from the Local Government Association Corporate Peer Challenge held 23 - 26 June 2025; and b) Cabinet approves the council's action plan in response to the recommendations for publication.
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?Id=50052516
Options considered	1. The council could choose not to develop and publish an action plan in response to the recommendations of the Corporate Peer Challenge. However, whilst not mandatory,

	<p>it is a clear expectation of the Peer Challenge process that the action plan is in the public domain and this option has, therefore, been rejected.</p> <p>2. The council could choose not to accept the recommendations of the Corporate Peer Challenge. This option has been rejected on the basis that the recommendations were shared informally at the end of the site visit and accepted.</p>
Declarations of interest (see ▪ below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	1 October 2025

<p>Councillor:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Leader of the Council (Councillor Jonathan Lester)</p>	<p>Date 25 September 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.