

**Written statement of a key decision**  
**Cabinet member local engagement and community resilience**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Play Area Investment</b>
Decision maker	<p>Cabinet member local engagement and community resilience</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	3 October 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	The purpose of this report is to set out how the £1 million for Play Area Investment is proposed to be spent and to seek the necessary approvals to do so.
Decision	<p><b>That:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a) Approval is given to draw down and spend the £1 million capital budget for play area investment in 2025/26 and 2026/27; and</b></li> <li><b>b) Delegated authority is given to the Corporate Director of Economy and Environment to take all operational decisions over the lifetime of the project, to deliver the</b></li> </ul>

	<b>investment set out in recommendation (a).</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?Id=50051125">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Id=50051125</a>
Options considered	1. That this additional investment is not made and the Council continues to maintain Herefordshire's Play Areas in accordance with sound asset management practices but wholly within the maintenance allocations and funding made available by the Council.
Declarations of interest (see ▪ below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	9 October 2025

Councillor: ..... Councillor Dan Hurcomb	Date 3 October 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.