

Written statement of a non-key decision
Corporate Director - Children & Young People

Title	Aylestone School Expansion Additional Works
Decision maker	Corporate Director - Children & 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	18 December 2025
Report exemption class	Open
Purpose	To approve funding for additional works required to deliver the expansion of Aylestone School
Decision	<p>a) The spend of £495,000 of Basic Need Grant be approved to deliver the additional highways-related works required as part of the Aylestone School expansion; and</p> <p>b) Authority be delegated to the Service Director for Education, Skills and Learning, to take all operational decisions necessary to complete these works.</p>
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=50053509
Options considered	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do nothing - Not delivering the required access improvements would leave the scheme unable to satisfy Highways requirements. The Local Highway Authority has been clear that without a formalised internal loop and drop-off/pick-up area, the proposal presents an unacceptable highway safety risk and could not be supported. This option would therefore jeopardise planning consent and prevent the school expansion from proceeding. This option is rejected. 2. Fund works from within the existing project budget - Absorbing £495,000 of unplanned highways works would require removing key educational accommodation from the main scheme, undermining the project objectives and the original Cabinet approval in February 2023. This option is not viable. 3. Request that the school contributes to costs - Schools do

	not hold capital balances capable of meeting costs of this scale for statutory highways mitigation. This option is not viable.
Declarations of interest (see ▪ below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	24 December 2025

Councillor:	Date 18 December 2025
Tina Russell, Corporate Director, Children and Young People	

- 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.