

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet member economy and growth

Title	Strategic Housing: Three-year Capital Programme 2026/27 – 2028/29
Decision maker	Cabinet member economy and growth 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	30 April 2026
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	To approve the capital budget allocated to Strategic Housing through the Council's capital programme to meet the immediate housing need of vulnerable groups and provide grant assistance to property owners to bring empty properties back into use.
Decision	<p>a) The Cabinet Member for Economy and Growth approves the spend of £4.1 million for Strategic Housing capital projects over the next three years.</p> <p>b) Authority is delegated to the Corporate Director, Community Wellbeing to take all operational decisions</p>

	and allow flexibility in the use of the budget to meet identified immediate housing need with the parameters of this report.
Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Id=50054315
Options considered	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do nothing. This is not recommended as the council has a statutory duty prevent homelessness and where homelessness does occur, to provide accommodation for people and families in housing need. Additionally, the council is a corporate parent for children in care and care leavers. Government data indicates that care leavers are disproportionately affected by homelessness compared with their peers. 2. Not to approve the use of the capital funding for the purposes outlined in this report; this would be in conflict with the decision taken at full council on 13 February 2026 to approve the council's capital programme and with the Council's Plan 2024 – 2028; specifically the people and place priorities which seek to enable residents to realise their potential, to be healthy and to be part of great communities that support each other and have access to the right housing in the right place.
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	8 May 2026

Councillor:	Date 30 April 2026
Cabinet member economy and growth (Councillor Graham Biggs)	

- 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.