

**WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A NON-KEY DECISION
CABINET**

ITEM:	HEREFORDSHIRE COMPREHENSIVE AREA ASSESSMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMME
Members Present:	Councillors: RJ Phillips (Leader), LO Barnett, AJM Blackshaw, H Bramer, JP French (Deputy Leader), JA Hyde, DB Wilcox.
Date of Decision:	21 February 2008
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	To seek approval to the proposed action plan to ensure that the Council, with the Primary Care Trust (PCT) and its other partners, is well-placed for the new system of Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA).
Decision:	<p>THAT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the proposed action plan be approved; (b) it be agreed that it be finalised having regard to discussions with partners and consideration by Strategic Monitoring Committee (SMC); and (c) it be agreed that progress against the plan be reported to Cabinet and SMC in July and October 2008, and in January and April 2009.
Reasons for the Decision:	CAA is the new system under which, from April 2009, the performance and prospects of all local authorities, with their partner organisations, will be assessed by the Audit Commission and the other inspectorates. Good preparation is essential to the performance and reputation of the Council and its partners.
Options Considered:	The Council has to prepare with its partners for CAA, so there are no alternative options.
Declaration of Interest:	

COUNCILLOR RJ PHILLIPS:..... Date: 21 February 2008
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL