

**WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION
CABINET**

ITEM:	SMALLHOLDINGS ESTATE STRATEGY REVIEW
Members Present:	Councillors: RJ Phillips (Leader), LO Barnett, AJM Blackshaw, H Bramer, JP French (Deputy Leader), JA Hyde, JG Jarvis, PD Price, DB Wilcox.
Date of Decision:	25 June 2009
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
This is a key decision because It is significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in Herefordshire in an area comprising one or more wards	
A notice was served in accordance with section 15 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) Regulation 2000	
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	To agree the smallholdings policy framework.
Decision:	THAT: (a) the Smallholdings Policy framework contained in the report be agreed subject to amended wording at para 63 to read: “the Council will maintain an appropriate mixture of farm opportunities”; (b) the attached action plan be agreed; (c) the creation of a £25k allocation from existing rental income to create a match funded enterprise development fund be agreed; and (d) Cabinet receives an annual update on progress delivering the action plan.
Reasons for the Decision:	The Council holds a significant smallholdings estate that makes a valued contribution to the local economy and allows people to enter farming. Smallholdings estates provide “starter units” that can also allow tenants to progress to larger farms. This report outlines the policy framework and provides an action plan to deliver the policy.

Options Considered:	There are no alternative options
Declaration of Interest:	
Date the key decision is due to take effect:	3 July 2009

COUNCILLOR RJ PHILLIPSDate: 25 June 2009 LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

To be completed by officer:	
Date consent received from Chairman of Strategic Monitoring Committee:	No response received
Subject to Call-in:	This Decision was not called in
Was the decision modified?	N/A
If yes Cabinet Member (.....) decision reference:	N/A
If no any comment(s) to be noted	N/A
Date original decision took effect:	3 July 2009