

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET

ITEM:	LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT REFRESH
Members Present:	Councillors: LO Barnett, AJM Blackshaw, JP French (Deputy Leader), JA Hyde, JG Jarvis, PD Price, DB Wilcox.
Date of Decision:	19 March 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	
The item was included in the Forward Plan.	
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	To approve the Refreshed Local Area Agreement for submission to the Secretary of State for approval.
Decision:	THAT approval of the Refreshed Local Area Agreement be delegated to the Chief Executive.
Reasons for the Decision:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Refresh of the Local Area Agreement brings up to date any baselines and targets which were not available at the time of the original agreement, thus ensuring that the latest submission has the most recent and relevant information. 2. It gives an opportunity to revise targets which have been adversely affected by the current economic downturn, negotiating fresh targets where appropriate. 3. It gives officers another opportunity to consider existing targets in line with the recently published Reward Grant Guidance and amend/adjust them where appropriate.
Options Considered:	Councils, as lead body for their respective Local Strategic Partnerships, are required to enter into Local Area Agreement. Alternative local indicators could be selected, but those incorporated within the agreement have been identified through a process of negotiation.

Declaration of Interest:	
Date the key decision is due to take effect:	26 March 2009

COUNCILLOR JP FRENCH: Date: 19 March 2009 DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

To be completed by officer:	
Date consent received from Chairman of Strategic Monitoring Committee:	
Subject to Call-in:	This Decision was not called in
Was the decision modified?	No
If yes Cabinet Member (.....) decision reference:	
If no any comment(s) to be noted	
Date original decision took effect:	26 March 2009