

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET

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| ITEM: | HEREFORDSHIRE UNITARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 'SAVED' POLICIES |
| 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 | |
| The item was included in the Forward Plan. | |
| Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution) | No |
| Purpose: | This report seeks Cabinet's agreement to submit a proposal to the Government Office for the West Midlands (GOWM) to retain Unitary Development Plan (UDP) policies after 22 March 2010. The legislation requires that the proposed list of policies to be saved must be submitted to the Government Office for the West Midlands six months in advance i.e. by 22 September 2009. Under the provisions of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, UDP policies will cease to apply after this date unless the Secretary of State issues a direction extending their life. |
| Decision: | THAT: a) Cabinet recommends to Council to approve those policies and proposals within the Herefordshire Unitary Development Plan that the Council wish to be saved as set out in Appendix 1 and those not to be saved as set out in Appendix 2 beyond the expiry of the three-year saved period; and b) The Secretary of State's agreement be sought to issue a direction to this effect. |
| Reasons for the Decision: | To ensure that relevant UDP policies are saved beyond the existing plan period. |
| Options Considered: | The alternative option is not to extend the UDP policies beyond the plan period. |
| 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

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| To be completed by officer: | |
| Date consent received from Chairman of Environment Scrutiny Committee: | No response received |
| Subject to Call-in: | This Decision was not called in |
| Was the decision modified? | No |
| 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 |