

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET

ITEM:	JOINT MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY FOR HEREFORDSHIRE AND WORCESTERSHIRE
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:	10 September 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:	The purpose is to endorse the first review of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Herefordshire and Worcestershire and agree its adoption.
Decision:	THAT Cabinet endorse the review of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy and agree the adoption of the revised strategy for Herefordshire and Worcestershire.
Reasons for the Decision:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 The revised strategy represents the culmination of substantial work by the Joint Waste Resource Management Forum to update the present strategy to reflect significant changes in national policy, local policy, changing technology and progress in improving performance to date. Its formal adoption by all partner councils will show leadership and lend weight in consulting with our communities and other stakeholders. 2 Adoption of the strategy will allow Herefordshire Council to meet its obligations under the Landfill Allowance Trading Scheme. 3 The authority is already preparing to launch its new refuse and recycling collection contract in accordance with the aims and objectives of the revised strategy. This will help meet the strategy's combined recycling target for all councils of 43% by 2014. It is anticipated the scheme, with the support of

	residents, will increase the council's recycling to 40.7% in 2013/14.
Options Considered:	The Cabinet could choose not to approve the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy or could require the document to be amended. This option would delay any progress in developing a Residual Waste Treatment solution for Herefordshire and Worcestershire. Choosing not to approve the strategy would also damage Herefordshire Council's reputation in its Partnership with Local Councils in Worcestershire.
Declaration of Interest:	
Date the key decision is due to take effect:	17 September 2009

COUNCILLOR RJ PHILLIPS: Date: 10 September 2009 LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

To be completed by officer:	
Date consent received from Chairman of Environment Scrutiny 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:	17 September 2009