

## WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A NON-KEY DECISION CABINET

<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>HSCB BUSINESS PLAN AND ANNUAL REPORT</b>
Members Present	Councillors: AW Johnson (Leader), H Bramer, RB Hamilton, PM Morgan, RJ Phillips, GJ Powell, PD Price (Deputy Leader).
Date of Decision:	Thursday 19 September 2013
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	To inform Cabinet of Herefordshire Safeguarding Children Board's assessment of safeguarding in Herefordshire and of its own effectiveness to enable it to undertake its governance role with regard to the Board.
<b>Decision:</b>	<p><b>THAT:</b></p> <p>(a) <b>the views on the effectiveness of safeguarding arrangements in Herefordshire as assessed by HSCB, be noted;</b></p> <p>(b) <b>the priorities of HSCB in relation to specific safeguarding issues in Herefordshire be acknowledged;</b></p> <p>(c) <b>Consideration be given to how Herefordshire Council is contributing to service improvement through commissioning within Herefordshire with regard to these safeguarding issues; and</b></p> <p>(d) <b>Comments be made as appropriate to HSCB about its future work programme.</b></p>
Reasons for the Decision:	<p>Cabinet members should assure themselves that Herefordshire Safeguarding Children's Board is meeting its statutory functions to ensure the safeguarding needs of children and young people in Herefordshire.</p> <p>Cabinet must be sighted on the effectiveness of safeguarding in Herefordshire to adequately fulfil its governance role. Ofsted are currently changing their arrangements for the inspection of safeguarding and protection services for children which will in future have additional focus on Local Safeguarding Children Boards and multi-agency partnership working.</p>
Options Considered:	It is a statutory requirement for a local authority area to establish a local safeguarding children board. It is open to Cabinet to suggest to the Board areas where it may wish to focus greater or lesser attention.
Conflict of Interest ■ (See below)	
Date the decision is due to take effect:	27 September 2013

**COUNCILLOR AW JOHNSON:**..... Date: Thursday 19 September 2013  
**LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

- a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;

And

- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted by the relevant local authority's head of paid service.

<p><b>To be completed by officer:</b></p>	
<p>Date consent received from Chairman of the General Overview and Scrutiny Committee:</p>	
<p>Subject to Call-in:</p>	<p>This Decision was not called in.</p>
<p>Was the decision modified?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>If yes Cabinet Member (.....) decision reference:</p>	
<p>If no any comment(s) to be noted</p>	
<p>Date original decision took effect:</p>	<p>27 September 2013</p>