

## WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET

<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>CALL-IN: CHANGES TO HEREFORDSHIRE SCHOOLS AND POST 16 TRANSPORT POLICY</b>
Members Present:	Councillors: AW Johnson (Leader), H Bramer, J Millar, PM Morgan (Deputy Leader), GJ Powell, PD Price.
Date of Decision:	23 January 2014
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
<p>This is a key decision because</p> <p>It is likely to result in the Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the Council's budget for the service or function concerned. A threshold of £500,000 is regarded as significant.</p> <p>And/or</p> <p>It is likely to be significant in terms of its effect on-</p> <p>Two or more Wards or electoral divisions;</p> <p>One Ward (unless the number of those affected is very small or it is impractical to treat this as a key decision).</p>	
<p>A notice was served in accordance with Part 3, Section 9 (Publicity in connection with key decisions) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.</p>	
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	To consider and respond to the recommendations of the General Overview and Scrutiny Committee made on 15 January 2014, following the call-in of Cabinet's decision made on 19 December 2013.
<b>Decision:</b>	<b>THAT:</b> <b>the proposed responses to the recommendations of the General Overview and Scrutiny Committee as set out at Appendix 1 to the Report are agreed; and the original decision taken by Cabinet on 19 December 2013 is confirmed.</b>
Reasons for the Decision:	<p>Following the call-in of Cabinet's decision on 19 December 2013, the General Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 15 January 2014 agreed to recommend Cabinet to reconsider its decision, making the following recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Executive puts in place measures to ensure that all parents are given guidance and support by the council, working with colleges and schools to maximise access to new funding and bursaries to offset the impact</li> </ol>

	<p>of this decision.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. That General Overview and Scrutiny Committee establishes a task and finish group to look into whether the council, schools and colleges need to review the use of bursaries and the provision of information for applicants to those bursaries.</li> <li>3. That Cabinet strongly reconsiders amending the policy decision to include the choice of “nearest school in county” as per the Durham Council model.</li> <li>4. That the Cabinet Member reviews and reconsiders the potential full cost impact of this decision.</li> <li>5. That officers hold urgent meetings with the schools which may be the most impacted, their local transport providers, community transport providers and local ward cluster Members to determine the potential full impact of this decision and, through working together, identify mitigation measures to minimise these effects.</li> <li>6. In the light of this Administration's prioritisation of vulnerable people, we recommend that paragraph (e) of the Cabinet decision be deleted and replaced by a requirement to introduce a suitable formula to provide free or primarily subsidised transport according to both need and means for post 16-year pupils with special educational needs.</li> <li>7. That linkage is clearly communicated between the Local Transport Plan and a Sustainable Modes of Transport Strategy for Schools to ensure compliance with the council's statutory duties.</li> <li>8. In the event that Cabinet decides to proceed with the original decision, that its implementation shall be changed to be September 2015 and not September 2014 to give appropriate notice to parents undertaking high school transfer.</li> <li>9. The time provided by Recommendation 8 shall be used to demonstrate the improvements that can be made with a more integrated approach to transport commissioning and management.</li> </ol>
Options Considered:	The alternative options are for Cabinet to accept the recommendations of the General Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to reject them or decide on some alternative course.
Conflict of Interest ■ (See below):	Councillors AW Johnson, PM Morgan, GJ Powell, PD Price all declared a non-pecuniary interest as School Governors
Date the key decision is due to take effect:	23 January 2014

**COUNCILLOR AW JOHNSON** .....Date: 23 January 2014  
**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.

THIS DECISION IS NOT SUBJECT TO CALL-IN