

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A NON-KEY DECISION

CABINET

ITEM:	INDEX OF MULTIPLE DEPRIVATION
Members Present:	Councillors RJ Phillips (Chairman), Mrs O Barnett, P Edwards, Mrs J French, DW Rule, B Wilcox, R Wilson
Date of Decision:	20th November, 2003
Purpose:	To endorse the issues to be addressed regarding the current consultation on the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD). The IMD is a list of all the 8,000+ wards in England, ranked in descending order of deprivation, based on a wide variety of factors.
Decision:	THAT the issues set out in the report be endorsed as a basis for responding to the consultation, particularly our concern on Access to Services.
Reasons for the Decision:	To ensure that Herefordshire's best interests are reflected in the construction of the Index to maximise the future likelihood of accessing regional, national and European funding streams.
Options Considered:	To ignore the invitation from ODPM to respond to the second round of consultation. However it is important that Herefordshire's interests are pursued.
Declaration of Interest:	None

RJ PHILLIPS: LEADER OF THE COUNCIL	Date:.....
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