

## WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET

<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>THE HEREFORDSHIRE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE TEMPORARY AGRICULTURAL USE OF POLYTUNNELS</b>
Members Present:	Councillors RJ Phillips (Chairman), GV Hyde, Mrs LO Barnett, PJ Edwards, Mrs JP French, JC Mayson, DW Rule, RV Stockton, DB Wilcox, RM Wilson
Date of Decision:	14th October 2004
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	
Purpose:	To consider the future of the voluntary Code of Practice to control the siting of polytunnels in Herefordshire
<b>Decision:</b>	<p><b>(a) Cabinet accepts the findings and recommendations of the Environment Scrutiny Committee review and agrees to adopt the revised Code of Practice:</b></p> <p><b>(i) with the addition of:</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>no return to the land which has been covered within two years</b></p> <p><b>(ii) deletion of:</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>any reference to Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty in the Code</b></p> <p><b>(b) the Code of Practice to be reviewed every two years or earlier if the legal position dictates</b></p> <p><b>(c) an update position to be reported to Cabinet and Environment Scrutiny Committee annually.</b></p> <p><b>Note: the final version of the Code is now attached at Appendix 1.</b></p>
Reasons for the Decision:	To adopt a Code of Practice for the control of use of Polytunnels within the County
Options Considered:	<p><b>Alternative Option</b></p> <p>As set out in the recommendation above, but the siting shall be restricted to 3 years with no return to the same land within 3 years.</p> <p>It is assumed that the polythene cover would not be in place for longer than 6 months in any year.</p>

Declaration of Interest:	None.
Date the key decision is due to take effect:	22 October 2004

<p><b>RJ PHILLIPS</b>..... Date:..... <b>LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</b></p>
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<b>To be completed by officer:</b>	
Date consent received from Chairman of Scrutiny Committee:	
Subject to Call-in:	No
If yes was the decision modified?	N/A
If yes Cabinet Member (.....) decision reference:	N/A
Date original decision took effect:	22nd October 2004