

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet member environment, economy and skills

Title	To accept and approve the gateway delivery of additional Kickstart scheme placements, providing work experience placements to 16 to 24 year olds
Decision maker	Cabinet member environment, economy and skills Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here: http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251
Date of decision	19 May 2021
Report exemption class	Open
Reason for being a key decision	This is a key decision because 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.
A notice was served in accordance with Part 3 (Key decisions) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.	
General exception or special urgency (as defined in the constitution)	No
Purpose	To gain approval to accept additional grant funding offered by the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP). DWP require the council to return the acceptance of the additional funding offer by 21 May 2021.
Decision	That: a) The council accepts additional grant funding offered by the Department of Work and Pensions of up to £2 million for the continued implementation of the Kickstart Scheme. b) The Chief Finance Officer be authorised to sign on behalf of the council the funding offer addendum (appendix A) from the Department for Work and Pensions, and following consultation with the cabinet member for Environment, Economy and Skills, any subsequent variations such as any increase to the number of approved placements. c) To delegate to the Director for Economy and Place,

	following consultation with the cabinet member for Environment, Economy and Skills and the S151 Officer, operational decisions required to ensure the successful delivery of the scheme.
Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50037591
Options considered	1. Do nothing – the council could decide not to accept the funding to deliver the Kickstart scheme. However, this would mean that it would not be possible to offer the additional placements to 16 to 24 year olds on universal credit in the county (circa 895 as of March 2021) and they would not be able to access this support.
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	25 May 2021

Councillor:	Date 19 May 2021
Cabinet member environment, economy and skills (Councillor Ellie Chowns)	

- 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.