

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet member health and adult wellbeing

Title	Sensory impairment contract
Decision maker	Cabinet member health and adult wellbeing 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	5 July 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 approve a competitive market tender for the provision of a sensory impairment contract due to the current contract cessation on 31 January 2022.
Decision	That: a) approval is given to go out to tender for a five year contract to deliver a sensory impairment service to commence from 1 February 2022 upon the cessation of the current contract on 31 January 2022. b) The director for adults and communities is authorised to take all operational decisions necessary to implement the recommendation
Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at

	http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50037831
Options considered	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Directly award a contract to the current provider. This option is not recommended due to the length and value of the proposed tender, it has been advised that a full competitive tender will be required. 2. Fund through an annual Grant in Aid payment. This option is not recommended as it would not offer the service provider stability going forward due to the award being subject to annual renewals. 3. Bring the service in-house. This option is not recommended as the costs of providing this service, in addition to probable TUPE costs, would offer a poorer level of value for money than an outsourced solution.
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	9 July 2021

Councillor: Cabinet member health and adult wellbeing (Councillor Pauline Crockett)	Date 5 July 2021
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- 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.