

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet member Infrastructure and transport

Title	West Midlands Rail Executive and DfT Collaboration Agreement
Decision maker	Cabinet member Infrastructure and transport 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	30 July 2021
Report exemption class	Open
Reason for being a key decision	This is a key decision because it is likely to be significant having regard to: the strategic nature of the decision; and / or whether the outcome will have an impact, for better or worse, on the amenity of the community or quality of service provided by the authority to a significant number of people living or working in the locality (two or more wards) affected.
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 set out the changes to the Collaboration Agreement between West Midlands Rail Ltd (WMRL) and the Department for Transport (DfT) and seek cabinet member approval to support these changes.
Decision	That the Cabinet member: (a) Approve that the Council supports WMRL entering into a new Collaboration Agreement with the Department for Transport (included as Appendix A); (b) On behalf of the Council votes in favour of new Collaboration Agreement at a Special Resolution meeting of the WMRL Board of Directors planned to take place in September 2021.
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=50037687
Options considered	1. The cabinet member votes against the revised Collaboration Agreement between WMRL and DfT. This is not recommended as this could result in WMRL losing the contractual basis for its partnership working with DfT as well as the loss of WMR Ltd's funding grant from DfT.
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	5 August 2021

Councillor:	Date 30 July 2021
Cabinet member Infrastructure and transport (Councillor John Harrington)	

- 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.