

**Written statement of a key decision**

**Cabinet member housing, regulatory services, and community safety**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Empty Property Strategy for Herefordshire 2021-2024</b>
Decision maker	Cabinet member housing, regulatory services, and community safety  Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here:  <a href="http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251</a>
Date of decision	29 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 seek approval of the Empty Property Strategy for Herefordshire, for the purposes of the report an empty property is a residential dwelling as per information provided to the Empty Property Officer by Herefordshire Council's Council Tax department.
<b>Decision</b>	<b>That: The Empty Property Strategy for Herefordshire, set out in appendix A, be approved.</b>
Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at  <a href="http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50037065">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50037065</a>
Options considered	Not have a strategy and without intervention the current number of empty properties risk falling into disrepair. The strategy gives the authority more power when looking to obtain a CPO - Compulsory Purchase Order or to assist colleagues in Environmental Health when they give an IMO - Interim Management Order

Declarations of interest (see ▪ below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	4 August 2021

<p>Councillor: .....</p> <p>Cabinet member housing, regulatory services, and community safety (Councillor Ange Tyler)</p>	<p>Date 29 July 2021</p>
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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.