

**Written statement of a non-key decision
Leader of the Council (Section 9E)**

Title	Update to Domestic Abuse Strategy
Decision maker	Leader of the Council (Section 9E) 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	22 October 2021
Report exemption class	Open
Purpose	To approve a draft multi-agency Domestic Abuse Strategy for Herefordshire 2021-2024 for consultation and wider engagement with stakeholders, in accordance with the Domestic Abuse Act 2021. Also to approve the Domestic Abuse Needs Assessment 2021.
Decision	That: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The draft Domestic Abuse Strategy for Herefordshire 2021-24 (Appendix 1) is approved for the purposes of consultation b) The Domestic Abuse Needs assessment (Appendix 2) is approved c) The formation of the Local Partnership Board, as required to comply with the Domestic Abuse Act 2021, is approved and the Director of Adults and Communities is delegated authority to take all operational decisions to establish the board.
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?Id=50039102
Options considered	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not to publish a draft Domestic Abuse Strategy, complete the needs assessment, or form a Local Partnership Board. This option is not recommended. There is a statutory requirement for the council to undertake all three elements of the proposals before the end of October, therefore there are no other alternative options which can in practice be considered.

Declarations of interest (see ▪ below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	28 October 2021

Councillor: Leader of the Council (Councillor David Hitchiner)	Date 22 October 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.