

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet member finance, corporate services and planning

Title	To give Delegated Authority to the Section 151 officer in consultation with the appropriate director to move funding between the approved schemes within the agreed COVID Recovery plan
Decision maker	Cabinet member finance, corporate services and planning 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	23 February 2022
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)	General Exception
Purpose	Following the implementation of a number of projects within the schemes agreed in the original Covid recovery plan approved by cabinet on 24 June 2021, it has become apparent that some of the schemes are going to have underspend within the initial allocated budget and some have been oversubscribed. To ensure that all underspend can be fully maximised within the given timeframes to support economic recovery and the community wellbeing of residents as part of Covid Recovery it is requested that delegated authority be given to the Section 151 officer following consultation with the appropriate director to move the allocated funding between the approved schemes.
Decision	That delegated authority be given to the Section 151 officer, following consultation with the appropriate director, to reallocate funding between agreed schemes within the Covid Recovery Plan to maximise the £6.144m budget.

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=50040602
Options considered	1. Do nothing - If delegated authority is not granted then all decisions will need to follow the key cabinet member decision making process which would cause delays in reallocating any underspend. A key risk associated with this is that funding would not be reallocated by 31 March 2022 meaning significant underspend in the overall Covid Recovery Plan budget.
Declarations of interest (see below)	N/A
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	2 March 2022

Councillor:	Date 23 February 2022
Cabinet member finance, corporate services and planning (Councillor Liz Harvey)	

- 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.