

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet

Title	Maylord Orchard Library and Learning Resource Centre (Detailed Design)
Decision maker	Cabinet 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	24 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)	No
Purpose	To approve up to £0.45m of the expenditure required to instruct the technical project manager and design team to complete the detailed design stage and works required to develop the full business case of the Maylord Orchard Library and Learning Resource Centre project including seeking planning and all related regulatory approvals.
Decision	That: a) The redevelopment of Maylord Orchards to create a new library and learning resource centre project is approved; b) Expenditure of up to £0.45m of the Maylord Orchard Library and Learning Resource Centre project capital programme allocation be approved to complete the detailed design stage of the project including seeking planning permission,; and c) The Corporate Director for Community and Wellbeing,

	following consultation with the Deputy Section 151 Officer and in consultation with the Error! Unknown document property name., be authorised take all operational decisions necessary to complete the detailed design stage and seek planning approval within the £0.45m approved 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=50040291
Options considered	1. Do nothing – The council could choose to not approve the expenditure. However, this would mean we would be unable to seek the technical support such as architects, and building condition surveys required to seek the Stronger Towns grant. Failure to meet the required timescales or information requirements for the Stronger Towns funds would prevent the proposed project from progressing.
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	2 March 2022

Councillor:	Date 24 February 2022
Leader of the Council (Councillor David Hitchiner)	

- 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.