

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet member commissioning, procurement and assets

Title	Herefordshire Hoard
Decision maker	Cabinet member commissioning, procurement and assets 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	15 March 2022
Report exemption class	Open
Reason for being a key decision	<p>This is a key decision because it is likely to result in the council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the council's budget for the service or function concerned. A threshold of £500,000 is regarded as significant.</p> <p>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.</p>
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	<p>To recommend that Herefordshire Council agrees to acquire, care for and display the Herefordshire Hoard for the people of Herefordshire.</p> <p>By acquiring the Herefordshire Hoard, an important piece of local and national heritage will remain accessible to residents of and visitors to Herefordshire. Herefordshire's tourism offer will be enhanced with this exciting treasure find, with a positive impact on the visitor economy. The Herefordshire Hoard would be a key element of the redeveloped museum which is a core project of the Stronger Towns programme.</p>

Decision	<p>That:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Herefordshire Council agrees to acquire, care for and display the Herefordshire Hoard for the people of Herefordshire, within a budget of £1,008,890. b. Authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Community Wellbeing, in consultation with the Section 151 Officer, to take all necessary steps to progress the acquisition including submission of grant applications to appropriate bodies and acceptance of grant funding.
Reason for the decision	<p>As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at</p> <p>http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50040387</p>
Options considered	<p>1. The alternative option is that Herefordshire Council does not agree to acquire, care for and display the Herefordshire Hoard for the people of Herefordshire. The advantage of this would be no current or future financial cost to the county or Herefordshire Council for the acquisition. The disadvantages would be the loss of an important piece of national and local heritage to the county; missed opportunity of income for Herefordshire Museum Service, Hereford city and the county that would have come from residents and visitors; reputational loss for Herefordshire Council in not acquiring the Hoard, as the organisation could be seen as not valuing important heritage; a missed opportunity to increase and enhance Herefordshire's tourist offer. Not acquiring the Hoard would have a detrimental effect on the proposed redevelopment of Hereford Museum, as it is anticipated to be a key attraction with its own gallery. This option has been rejected as an important piece of national and local heritage would be lost to the county along with its contribution to the local visitor economy and key contribution to the redeveloped museum in Hereford.</p>
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	21 March 2022

Councillor:	Date 15 March 2022
Cabinet member commissioning, procurement and assets (Councillor Gemma Davies)	

- 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.