

**Written statement of a non-key officer decision**  
**Corporate Director - Children & Young People**

<b>Title</b>	<b>High Needs Capital Grant: Feasibility Studies</b>
Decision maker	Corporate Director - Children & Young People
Date of decision	19 May 2022
Report exemption class	Open
Purpose	To approve expenditure from the 2021/22 high needs capital grant to enable feasibility studies at The Brookfield School, Blackmarston School and the Hereford Pupil Referral Service to be undertaken.
<b>Decision</b>	<p><b>That:</b></p> <p><b>a) Feasibility studies and surveys for The Brookfield School, Blackmarston and the Hereford Pupil Referral Service are commissioned within an approved budget of £52K from the 2021/22 high needs capital grant; and</b></p> <p><b>b) The Service Director for Education, Development and Skills be authorised to take all operational decisions necessary to deliver the required schedule of feasibility studies within the approved budget of £57.2k including fees.</b></p>
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/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50041494">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50041494</a>
Consultation	
Options considered	Do nothing: this is not recommended as cabinet approved a <a href="#">Herefordshire Capital Investment Strategy 2021-2030 For Specialist Settings Educating Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)</a> on 22 April 2021. The strategy was developed to avoid unnecessary reactive spending on accommodation maintenance, and mitigate the risk of a reduction in the quality of education and a lack of pupil places for SEND children and young people with education health and care

	plans. Subject to feasibility studies, the high needs capital grant provides the opportunity to undertake work to improve the capacity and learning environment in the special educational needs specialist settings
Declarations of interest	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	25 May 2022

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	Corporate Director - Children & Young People (Darryl Freeman)		