

**Written statement of a key decision**  
**Cabinet**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Future of Town Hall and No. 10 St. Owen's Street, Hereford</b>
Decision maker	Cabinet Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here: <a href="http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251</a>
Date of decision	29 September 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	To agree which of the presented recommendations, if any, offer a preferred way forward regarding the future of the Town Hall and 10 St. Owens Street and, to invite Cabinet to propose alternative recommendations for further development and consideration.
<b>Decision</b>	<p><b>That:</b></p> <p><b>(a) Subject to agreement of heads of terms by 31 December 2022, to transfer the freehold of the Town Hall and No. 10 St Owens Street to Hereford City Council or it's nominee with the transfer to be</b></p>

	<p><b>completed by 31 October 2023, and in the event that these deadlines are not met to complete an option appraisal which will include disposal on the open market;</b></p> <p><b>(b) the Director Resources and Assurance be authorised, subject to consultation with the Cabinet Member for Commissioning, Procurement and Assets, to take all operational decisions necessary to implement the preferred recommendation.</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=50041847">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50041847</a>
Alternative options considered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dispose of the freehold of the Town Hall and No. 10 St Owens Street on the open market;</li> <li>• Invest in and retain the Town Hall campus.</li> </ul>
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	5 October 2022

Councillor: .....	Date 29 September 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.