

**Written statement of a non-key decision**  
**Director of Resources and Assurance**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Brookfield School - PreConstruction Cost</b>
Decision maker	<p>Director of Resources and Assurance</p> <p>Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here:</p> <p><a href="http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251</a></p>
Date of decision	14 November 2022
Report exemption class	Open
Purpose	To approve spend of up to £370,000 pre-construction cost to enable the surrender of a lease to acquire possession of land required to redevelop Brookfield School, start the gas diversion process prior to school redevelopment and re-engage with existing consultants to tender project.
<b>Decision</b>	<p><b>That:</b></p> <p><b>a) spend of up to £370,000 from the Capital Development budget be approved to start the pre-construction tasks needed to commence the Brookfield Special School capital improvement programme.</b></p> <p><b>b) The Corporate Director, Children and Young People services is authorised, to take all operational decisions relating to the above recommendations including contracts ,and</b></p> <p><b>c) Authority be delegated to the Director of Strategic Assets Delivery to finalise and complete all necessary deeds of surrender and leases with both the Brookfield School and the Greyhound Rugby Football Club</b></p>
Reason for the decision	<p>As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at</p> <p><a href="http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Id=50043182">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Id=50043182</a></p>
Options considered	Do not agree the spend on pre-construction costs. This is not recommended, this would cause significant delay to the commencement of the Brookfield Special School capital improvement programme, by at least 7 months, which is likely to increase the cost of the project and could put at risk the 70% funding offer, for the project, from the Department of Education (DfE). Council agreed to amend capital program to reflect current funding arrangements at its meeting July meeting.

Declarations of interest (see ▪ below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	18 November 2022

<p>Councillor: .....</p> <p>Cabinet member children and families (Councillor Diana Toynbee)</p>	<p>Date 14 November 2022</p>
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- 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.