

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet

Title	Children's Improvement Plan Transformation Funding - Tranche Two
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 November 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 approve the drawdown of tranche two funding against progress of the transformation programme of £6.49m which includes the £1m as approved under delegation from the Director of Resources and Assurance in July 2022 for Children's Transformation in immediate response to the Ofsted Inspection in July 2022.
Decision	<p>That:</p> <p>a) Cabinet authorise the drawdown of tranche two funding as per the cabinet decision in March 2022 up to the value of £6.49m which is being funded from the Financial Resilience</p>

	<p>Reserve;</p> <p>b) Cabinet receive this report on progress of the children's transformation journey as requested in the March 2022 cabinet upon drawing tranche two funding;</p> <p>c) Cabinet authorise delegation to the Corporate Director for Children and Young People in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children's and Family Services, and Young People's Attainment; the Cabinet Member for Finance, Corporate Services and Planning; and the council's Director for Resources and Assurance to take all operational decisions relating to the further £6.49m of funding available;</p> <p>d) Cabinet receive a further update on the precise allocation of tranche 2 funding in the new year of 2023 which will reflect up-to-date priorities and focus in light of the Ofsted Improvement Action Plan currently in development and also the recommendations of the Commissioner for Children's Services, expected to be submitted to the Secretary of State in December.</p>
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/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Id=50041935</p>
Options considered	<p>1. Cabinet could decide not approve the drawdown tranche two of identified transformation funding from the Financial Resilience Reserve. This option is not recommended as the increased capacity put in place during 2021/22 and improvement made in this period could not be sustained and the ability to deliver services would be seriously compromised.</p>
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	30 November 2022

<p>Councillor:</p> <p>Cabinet member children and families (Councillor Diana Toynbee)</p>	<p>Date 24 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;

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- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted.