

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

Title	Acquisition of strategic Housing site in South Herefordshire
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	12 December 2022
Report exemption class	Part exempt
A notice was served in accordance with Part 2, Section 5(2) (Procedures prior to private meetings) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012. Further notice was served in accordance with Part 2, Section 5(4) of the same regulations.	
Reason for being a key decision	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.
A notice was served in accordance with Part 3, Section 9 (Publicity in connection with 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 strategic purchase of a property in the Ross East ward within a defined budget and to authorise officers, following appropriate consultation and due diligence, to proceed with the acquisition.
Decision	That: a) The Cabinet Member agrees to the purchase of a freehold property as set out in appendix A and subject to completion of all the due diligence process and the Director of Resources and Assurance being satisfied that the purchase provides value for money; b) A budget of up to £1,120,000 is agreed to complete the purchase, all other associated fees and refurbishment; and c) The Corporate Director, Economy & Environment, following

	consultation with the Cabinet Member Commissioning, Procurement and Assets, be authorised to take all operational decisions to complete the purchase and undertake subsequent improvement works.
Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50042932
Options considered	Not to proceed with the purchase. The option is not recommended as the council has a number of statutory duties to meet in relation to the accommodation of vulnerable groups such as homelessness, people with learning disabilities and children that the council is responsible for looking after as a Corporate parent.
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	16 December 2022

Councillor:	Date 12 December 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.