

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

<b>Title</b>	<b>Ofsted Improvement Action Plan</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	15 December 2022
Report exemption class	Open
Reason for being a key decision	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.
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	The purpose of this report is to present cabinet with the Children's Services Improvement Plan for authorisation to submit the plan to Ofsted following the inspection in July 2022.
<b>Decision</b>	That: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) That the Executive Response to the scrutiny recommendations on Children's Services Improvement Action Plan (at Appendix 1), made by the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on the 13 December 2022, be agreed;</li> <li>b) Cabinet endorse the Improvement Action Plan outlined in Appendix A; and</li> <li>c) Cabinet authorise the Corporate Director for Children and Young People in consultation with the council's Corporate Leadership Team to submit the action plan to Ofsted no later than 20 December 2022.</li> </ol>

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=50043387">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50043387</a>
Options considered	1. To not submit the plan to cabinet for endorsement and authorisation to send to Ofsted – this is not an option as it would put the council at significant risk by not having a plan to deliver the necessary improvements following the Ofsted judgement of inadequate in all areas of Children’s Services.
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	21 December 2022

<p>Councillor: .....</p> <p>Cabinet member children and families (Councillor Diana Toynbee)</p>	<p>Date 15 December 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.