

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet

Title	To Accept and Spend Any Approved UK Shared Prosperity Plan and Rural Prosperity Funds Approved by Government
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	15 December 2022
Report exemption class	Open
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 (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 seek cabinet approval to accept and spend the £6,642,136 of UK Shared Prosperity Funding (UKSPF) allocated to Herefordshire following government's approval of the Investment Plan submitted in August 2022. To also seek cabinet approval to accept and spend the £1,705,669 of Rural Prosperity Funding (RPF) allocated to Herefordshire, subject to the government approval of the required UKSPF Investment Plan Addendum submitted on the 30 November 2022.
Decision	That: a) Following government approval of the submitted Investment Plan, Cabinet approve the acceptance and expenditure of the £6,642,187 of UKSPF allocated to Herefordshire (£5,507,211 Revenue and £1,134,976 capital); b) Subject to government approval of the submitted Addendum to the UKSPF Investment Plan, Cabinet approve the acceptance and expenditure of the £1,705,669 (capital) of RPF allocated to Herefordshire; c) To delegate to the Corporate Director for Economy and

	Environment, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Economy and the Section 151 Officer, all operational decisions in implementing the funding in accordance with the Herefordshire UKSPF Investment Plan and RPF Addendum.
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=50043499
Options considered	1. Do nothing – The council could choose not to accept the funding and implement the Herefordshire UKSPF Investment Plan and RPF Addendum. However, this would result in the council being unable to access the up to £8.3m of funding allocated to the county, which is critical to supporting the economic growth of Herefordshire. This option is not recommended.
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	21 December 2022

Councillor: Leader of the Council (Councillor David Hitchiner)	Date 15 December 2022
---	-----------------------

- 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.