

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet

Title	Approval of the creation of a new shareholder committee and contractual arrangements with Hoople Limited
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	12 January 2023
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	To consider and approve legal arrangements to manage and regulate the relationship between Hoople and the Council and to agree the terms of reference for a Shareholder Committee to improve the governance of Companies or other arrangements that the Council is involved in.
Decision	That: a) Cabinet approve the terms of the new Services Agreement between the Council and Hoople Limited substantially in the form set out in Appendix 1; b) Cabinet note that Hoople Limited have been consulted on the Service Agreement; c) Cabinet agree the Terms of Reference for the Shareholder Committee as set out in Appendix 2, and nominate the

	<p>Membership of the Shareholder Committee at the next meeting of Cabinet;</p> <p>d) That Cabinet recommend to Council changes to the Constitution to strengthen the governance framework to enable Audit and Governance Committee to have effective oversight of the governance of the Shareholder Committee; to extend the terms of reference of Scrutiny in relation to the operation of the Shareholder Committee, and to be explicit about the powers to set up the Shareholder Committee; and</p> <p>e) The Deputy Section 151 Officer and the Monitoring Officer following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, Corporate Services and Planning are authorised to finalise the Hoople Services Agreement and to take all operational decisions with regard to the implementation of the above recommendations.</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/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50043404</p>
Options considered	<p>To not agree to make the changes recommended in this report. However this is not recommended as it would not improve the governance of the various companies and arrangements the Council has and it would not help to better manage contractual arrangements with Hoople Limited.</p>
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	18 January 2023

<p>Councillor:</p> <p>Deputy Leader of the Council (Councillor Liz Harvey)</p>	<p>Date 12 January 2023</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.