

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet member children and families

Title	Special Educational Needs and/or Disability (SEND) Strategy
Decision maker	Cabinet member children and families 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	26 April 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	<p>To co-produce a strategic approach to identify, assess and meet the needs of children and young people (aged 0-25) with special educational needs and/or disability (SEND).</p> <p>The strategy will outline what is known about the needs of children and young people with SEND, how the council will listen and respond to those needs, in order to improve the lives of children, young people and families.</p> <p>The aim of the SEND strategy is to improve the educational health and emotional wellbeing outcomes for all of Herefordshire's children and young people with SEND and achieve improvements in their provision.</p>
Decision	That: a) The Cabinet member for Children and Families approves the SEND strategy and to agree to receive an annual update report on progress against the strategy; and

	b) The cabinet member for Children and Young people authorises the Corporate Director for Children and Young People to implement the strategy across the service.
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=50044419
Options considered	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not to implement the strategy – Not recommended as the new strategy is setting the direction for the new and improved SEND offer for children, young people and families with SEND requirements. 2. To adopt the current strategy – Not recommended as it is out of date and does not reflect current legislation requirements for SEND children and families.
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	3 May 2023

Councillor:	Date 26 April 2023
Cabinet member children and families (Councillor Diana Toynbee)	

- 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.