

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet

Title	Review of New Hereford Library and Learning Resource Centre Location
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	22 June 2023
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)	General exception
Purpose	To review options for the best possible location of the proposed new Hereford Library and Learning Resource Centre in Hereford city centre.
Decision	That: a) To undertake an internal review to be reported to cabinet to identify the options for the location in Hereford for the Library and Resource Centre project. Should the outcome of the review require a change to the capital programme, Full Council approval will be required. b) To delegate to the Corporate Director for Community and Wellbeing in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community Service and Assets authority to identify the guiding principles for the proposed review; c) To delegate to the Corporate Director for Economy and Environment the authority to cancel all current contractor and related works where necessary to secure recommendation (a) and minimise cost implications

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=50045277
Options considered	<p>1. Do nothing – The council could continue to locate the proposed new Library and Learning Resource Centre in Maylord Orchard. However, as outlined in the decision below, a number of factors have changed since the original project was established in 2020. This option is not recommended.</p> <p>2. To retain the library in the current location on Broad Street - This is not a viable option, as it would mean the separate £18 million Hereford Museum and Art Gallery project could not proceed. This is a flagship project for Stronger Towns funding, and key to enhancing the city and wider County’s cultural and visitor offer.</p>
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	28 June 2023

Councillor: Leader of the Council (Councillor Jonathan Lester)	Date 22 June 2023
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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.