

Written statement of a non-key decision
Cabinet member children and young people

Title	Placement Sufficiency Strategy for Children and Young People 2023 - 2028
Decision maker	Cabinet member children and young people 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	23 August 2023
Report exemption class	Open
Purpose	To adopt the Placement Sufficiency Strategy for Children and Young People, to ensure Herefordshire Council are compliant with section 22G of the Children Act 1989 ('the 1989 Act').
Decision	That: (A) The Placement Sufficiency Strategy for Children and Young People 2023 - 2028 (Appendix 1) is approved. (B) The programme of activity proposed in order to meet expected levels of demand for 2023 - 2028 and the development of a robust mechanism for delivery is endorsed (Appendix 2). (C) The Corporate Director for Children and Young People be authorised to take all operational decisions necessary to implement the programme of activity within approved budgets.
Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Id=50045741
Options considered	Alternative options: 1. Continue with the 2019-2024 placement sufficiency strategy. This option is not recommended as the proposed 2023-2028 strategy has been informed by an updated needs analysis with priorities that are relevant to current and projected demand. A new strategy is required from April 2024. 2. Dispense with a placement sufficiency strategy. This option is not recommended, as it would place the council at risk of not meeting its statutory duties.

Declarations of interest (see ▪ below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	30 August 2023

<p>Councillor:</p> <p>Cabinet member children and young people (Councillor Ivan Powell)</p>	<p>Date 23 August 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;
- and
- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted.