

Written statement of a non-key decision
Cabinet

Title	Housing Benefit Risk Based Verification Policy
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	28 September 2023
Report exemption class	Open
Purpose	To approve the adoption of the Risk Based Verification Policy in determining evidence requirements for the assessment of Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit claims
Decision	That: a) Cabinet approve the Housing Benefit Risk Based Verification Policy for 2024/25 and notes that the Policy has been effective for the period since initial implementation, as recommended by the Section 151 Officer.
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=50046051
Options considered	1. There are no alternatives to the recommendation; the annual approval of the RBV policy by the council's Section 151 Officer and Members is required as part of the annual subsidy and audit requirement for Housing Benefit Claims
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	4 October 2023

Councillor:
Leader of the Council (Councillor Jonathan
Lester)

Date 28 September 2023

- 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.