

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet

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| Title | Marches Forward Partnership Memorandum of Understanding |
| 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 |
| 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 | This report seeks approval for the council to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Herefordshire Council, Shropshire Council and Monmouthshire and Powys County Councils for collaboration as a Marches Forward Partnership. |
| Decision | That: a) Support Herefordshire Council's Leader in working with neighbouring local authorities to present outline terms of reference for a Marches Forward Partnership; b) Delegate to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Council's Leader to agree changes in finalising the Memorandum of Understanding to reflect feedback from each cabinet and to complete the Memorandum of Understanding; and c) Delegate to the Chief Executive and Corporate Director for Economy and Environment to proceed with development of a work programme to meet the objectives within the Memorandum of |

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| | Understanding, in consultation with relevant Portfolio Holders. |
| 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=50045946 |
| Options considered | To establish a strategic partnership with alternative partners – the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is not an exclusive agreement, each council will continue to explore partnership working with other areas. |
| Declarations of interest (see below) | |
| Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply) | 4 October 2023 |

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| Councillor: | Date 28 September 2023 |
| Leader of the Council (Councillor Jonathan Lester) | |

- 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.