

Written statement of a non-key decision
Cabinet

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| Title | Legal status of and financial arrangements with Balfour Beatty Living Places Limited |
| 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 | 26 October 2023 |
| Report exemption class | Open |
| Purpose | To provide information in respect of the council's contractual arrangements with Balfour Beatty Living Places and update Cabinet on progress made following recommendations made by its external auditors in the Auditor's Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2022 |
| Decision | That Cabinet : (a) Notes the contractual arrangements in respect of the council's public realm contract with Balfour Beatty Living Places Limited and its agency company status; and (b) Notes the recommendations made by external auditors in respect of this arrangement and the actions taken by the council in response. |
| 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?IID=50045952 |
| Options considered | To novate the contract with Balfour Beatty Living Places Limited. This is not recommended as the council is satisfied that the arrangements in place represent an appropriate contractual relationship which does not expose the council to risk of contract delivery or remove the option of legal recourse in the event of a breach of contract |
| Declarations of interest (see below) | |

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| Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply) | 1 November 2023 |
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| Councillor: Leader of the Council (Councillor Jonathan Lester) | Date 26 October 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.