

**Written statement of a key decision**  
**Cabinet**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Review Of The Full Business Case For The Shirehall As A Location For The Future Of Hereford City Library</b>
Decision maker	Cabinet Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here: <a href="http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251</a>
Date of decision	26 October 2023
Report exemption class	Open
Reason for being a key decision	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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	To present the full business case for the Shirehall as a location for the Hereford Library and Learning Centre (HLLC) and compare against the full business case for the HLLC at Maylord Orchards.
<b>Decision</b>	<p><b>That:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a) Cabinet approves the Shirehall as the location for Hereford Library and Learning Centre (HLLC);</b></li> <li><b>b) The full business case (FBC) be submitted to the Stronger Towns Board with a request to transfer the</b></li> </ul>

	<p><b>funding associated with the Maylord Orchards project to Shirehall;</b></p> <p><b>c) Subject to recommendations (a) and (b), the Stronger Town grant be accepted with permission to spend the full budget allocation of up to £3.005m with all operational decisions to progress the project to conclusion delegated to the Corporate Director Community Wellbeing in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community Services and Assets and the Deputy s151 Officer</b></p>
Reason for the decision	<p>As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at</p> <p><a href="http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50045765">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50045765</a></p>
Options considered	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hereford Library remains in its current temporary location – this is not recommended as the Museum Resource and Learning Centre (MRLC) on Friars Street is a temporary site whilst a new permanent location is finalised. The MRLC was funded by National Lottery Heritage Fund specifically for museum service activities and a permanent change in function may compromise the funding agreement.</li> <li>2. Hereford Library and Learning Centre (HLLC) is located at Maylord Orchards. This was the previous preferred location. 12 possible locations for the HLLC, including Maylord Orchards and Shirehall, were considered in the strategic review and presented to Cabinet in July 2023. Following this strategic review, Cabinet’s preferred option was Shirehall and a full business case for this location has been developed using the same template as for Maylord Orchards. Whilst Maylord Orchards can remain an alternative option, it is to be noted that it scores less favourably than Shirehall against these criteria</li> </ol>
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	1 November 2023

<p>Councillor: .....</p> <p>Leader of the Council (Councillor Jonathan Lester)</p>	<p>Date 26 October 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.