

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet member adults, health and wellbeing

Title	Grant acceptance and purchase of accommodation to address gaps in homelessness pathway provision
Decision maker	Cabinet member adults, health and wellbeing 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	9 November 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	<p>To accept a grant from the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) via the Single Homelessness Accommodation Programme (SHAP) and the associated grant terms and conditions.</p> <p>To approve the acquisition of a minimum of ten properties from the open market within a defined budget and to allow officers, following appropriate consultation and due diligence, to proceed with the acquisitions.</p>
Decision	That:

	<p>a) The Cabinet Member accepts the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities capital grant of £910,000 for the purpose of purchasing a minimum of ten properties and a revenue grant of £478,615 for dedicated support workers and associated services;</p> <p>b) Authority for acquisition of the properties and all associated operational decisions including authority to award contracts for improvement works and the negotiation of the lease to a housing provider be delegated to the Corporate Director Community Wellbeing.</p>
Reason for the decision	<p>As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at</p> <p>http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50045982</p>
Options considered	<p>Not to proceed with the purchase. The option is not recommended as the council has a number of statutory duties to meet in relation to the accommodation of vulnerable groups such as homelessness and children that the council are responsible for as a Corporate Parent.</p>
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	15 November 2023

<p>Councillor:</p> <p>Cabinet member adults, health and wellbeing (Councillor Carole Gandy)</p>	<p>Date 9 November 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.