

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET

ITEM:	COLWALL RAILWAY BRIDGE
Members Present:	Councillors: RJ Phillips (Leader), LO Barnett, AJM Blackshaw, H Bramer, JP French (Deputy Leader), JA Hyde, JG Jarvis, DB Wilcox.
Date of Decision:	13th December 2007
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
This is a key decision because It is significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in Herefordshire in an area comprising one or more wards	
This item was not included in the Forward Plan however inclusion in the agenda gives the required notice in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) Regulations 2000	
Urgent Decision:	No
Purpose:	To approve expenditure to provide a temporary bailey bridge over the sub-standard bridge in Colwall carrying the B4218 if the results of an assessment report show, on deliberation, that such a solution is the most appropriate means of opening the bridge to normal highway traffic.
Decision:	THAT approval be given for the purchase and installation of a temporary bailey bridge, if this is considered the most appropriate means to carry the B4218 over the existing sub-standard bridge in Colwall.
Reasons for the Decision:	To allow access into the village for all normal highway vehicles including those serving businesses.
Options Considered:	<p>Do nothing and await full replacement of the existing bridge. With an estimated programme for this work of 2011, the effect on businesses and road safety and corporate credibility considerations this is not a viable alternative.</p> <p>Widen and strengthen other local roads up to the standard of the B4218. This option would require extensive land take, take longer to implement and be more expensive to construct.</p> <p>The assessment report shows, that although the bridge is in a poor condition, it would be feasible to repair the bridge such that it will have a capacity to take all normal highway traffic until the bridge can be reconstructed.</p>

Declaration of Interest:	
Date the key decision is due to take effect:	20th December 2007

COUNCILLOR RJ PHILLIPSDate: 13th December 2007 LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
