

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET

ITEM:	HEREFORDSHIRE CONNECTS PROGRAMME UPDATE
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 likely to result in the Council incurring expenditure above agreed budgets for the service or function (shown as a line in the budget book) to which the decision relates but allowing for virements between budget heads and savings within budget heads of up to £500,000	
The item was included in the Forward Plan.	
Urgent Decision:	No
Purpose:	The purpose of this report is to recommend to cabinet the preferred technology to replace the current client systems (including CLIX) used within both Adult Social Care and the Children and Young People's Directorate.
Decision:	<p>THAT (a) Cabinet authorise the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to sign the framework agreement with Deloitte;</p> <p>(b) Cabinet confirm Corelogic Framework as the preferred solution and authorise the directors of Corporate & Customer Services and Resources, in consultation with the Director of Children's Services and Director of Adult and Community Services, to proceed with this acquisition on a fixed price basis through the Deloitte framework agreement; and</p> <p>(c) Cabinet receive assurance on budget savings in relation to the accommodation strategy</p>
Reasons for the Decision:	Herefordshire Council's Adult and Community and Children and Young People's Directorates are undergoing rapid change in the way they work, deliver services to users and measure performance. As these services develop and change so must the processes that deliver those services and the underpinning

	<p>tools and systems. Central to the delivery of this change is the core information system that supports practitioners in their work, enables managers to manage and allocate resources and provides a stable trusted basis for financial and performance management.</p>
<p>Options Considered:</p>	<p>Option A: Do Nothing.</p> <p>The Council has made a commitment to both CSCI (Commission for Social Care Inspection) and the DCSF (Department for Children, Schools and Families) that it will have a new solution in place by summer 2008. In order to achieve this, a solution must start to be implemented now.</p> <p>Option B: Variable Cost Option (time and materials).</p> <p>The time and materials option from Deloitte offers the potential for overall lower cost, but with significantly greater risks. The cost differential is just over £65k. With this form of contract payment is not based on results, and should the project encounter difficulties Herefordshire Council would need to keep paying for the necessary resources until the project was completed.</p> <p>It is therefore not recommended that this option be pursued.</p>
<p>Declaration of Interest:</p>	
<p>Date the key decision is due to take effect:</p>	<p>20th December 2007</p>

<p>COUNCILLOR RJ PHILLIPS.....Date: 13th Dec 2007 LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</p>
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