

## WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET

<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>SWIMMING PROVISION FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN HEREFORD CITY</b>
Members Present:	Councillors: RJ Phillips (Leader), LO Barnett, AJM Blackshaw, H Bramer, JP French (Deputy Leader), JA Hyde, JG Jarvis, PD Price, DB Wilcox.
Date of Decision:	31 July 2008
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	
The item was included in the Forward Plan.	
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	To establish provision for swimming lessons as part of the curriculum for Herefordshire primary schools. To establish the future of the LEA swimming pool.
<b>Decision:</b>	<b>THAT</b> (i) <b>the LEA swimming pool not be reopened;</b>  (ii) <b>alternative provision from September 2008 be offered at Hereford Leisure Pool and that this provision by HALO be monitored to ensure that the needs of schools and other users continue to be met;</b>  (iii) <b>close collaboration and partnership working be undertaken between the Council and HALO with schools, clubs and other users of the LEA pool to ensure that a viable and efficient service is provided; and</b>  (iv) <b>a report be brought back to Cabinet by Easter 2009 at the latest outlining the outcome of the process.</b>
Reasons for the Decision:	The capital requirements of the LEA swimming pool are significant in order to open in September 2008, and to improve its viability for the medium term. The Council has not identified capital to cover the medium term investment requirements. In addition there is not sufficient time to complete the works in time for September 2008. There are concerns over the long term

	viability of the LEA swimming pool in both capital and revenue terms. These should be considered alongside the use of the Hereford Leisure Pool. Further work is required to assess the possibility of income generation if the LEA swimming pool was reopened.
Options Considered:	N/A
Declaration of Interest:	
Date the key decision is due to take effect:	7 August 2008

<b>COUNCILLOR RJ PHILLIPS</b> .....Date: 31 July 2008 <b>LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</b>
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