

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET

ITEM:	HEREFORD OPEN RETAIL MARKET
Members Present:	Councillors: RJ Phillips (Leader), LO Barnett, AJM Blackshaw, JP French (Deputy Leader), JA Hyde, JG Jarvis, PD Price, DB Wilcox.
Date of Decision:	19 February 2009
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.	
IF NO	
A notice was served in accordance with section 15 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) Regulation 2000	
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	To consider the result of the consultations undertaken on the proposed relocation of the Hereford Open Retail Market into the St Peter's Street/High Town interface and Commercial Street each Saturday and Wednesday, and to seek Cabinet approval of the recommendations for the implementation of the market.
Decision:	<p>THAT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) subject to approval of the capital programme bid, the relocation of Hereford Open Retail Market to the St Peter's Street/High Town interface and Commercial Street as from 8 April 2009 (or as soon afterwards as operational arrangements allow) be approved; b) the proposed formulation of a policy governing allocation of the stalls be noted; and c) during the first year of operation a Retail Impact Assessment is undertaken and that a formal evaluation of the effectiveness of the new arrangement is considered by the Cabinet Member at the end of that period.

<p>Reasons for the Decision:</p>	<p>To ensure that the long-term sustainability and economic viability of an Open Retail Market in Hereford is guaranteed.</p> <p>To provide additional support, vibrancy and interest in the City, attracting visitors to the City centre.</p> <p>To facilitate business development through a policy of allocation that will not only encourage business start up through a number of available 'incubator' stalls but also focus on and encourage locally produced goods and produce.</p> <p>To relocate because of the inevitable loss of the current site due to the ESG Herefordshire Ltd development.</p>
<p>Options Considered:</p>	<p>Alternative options were investigated within the New Markets Solutions report entitled 'Hereford City Markets – A New Direction'</p>
<p>Declaration of Interest:</p>	
<p>Date the key decision is due to take effect:</p>	<p>26 February 2009</p>

<p>COUNCILLOR RJ PHILLIPS: LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</p>	<p>.....</p>	<p>Date: 19 February 2009</p>
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