

### Record of officer decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	Decision to prosecute
<b>Date of decision:</b>	18/1/2019
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Acting Assistant Director for Regulatory, Environment and Waste Services
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	The chief executive's scheme of delegation
<b>Ward:</b>	Tupsley
<b>Consultation:</b>	Legal Services: In accordance with S222 of the Local Government Act 1972 we consider a prosecution is both appropriate and reasonable in this matter for the promotion or protection of the interests of the people of the County of Herefordshire which is also in accordance with the Herefordshire Council's Enforcement and Prosecution Policy.
<b>Decision made:</b>	To prosecute 1 defendant for failing to secure the attendance of a compulsory school age registered child between 16 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2018 contrary to S444(1) of the Education Act 1996 using the Single Justice Procedure
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	<p>The defendant's child was absent from school on 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018. The defendant advised school of the holiday when being asked about an absence in May 2018. The defendant was told the absence would be unauthorized. In June 2018 the defendant received a warning for the absence in May. The child attendance at the end of the school year was 85.87%% where the school policy is 96%. A Fixed penalty notice was issued but not paid. Officers wrote to the defendant for an explanation but did not receive a reply.</p> <p>Evidence test is met via the statements, and the school attendance register It is in the Public Interest to prosecute because</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If this matter is not prosecuted there are grounds for believing that the alleged offence is likely to continue</li> <li>2. A prosecution would have a significant positive impact on maintaining community confidence.</li> <li>3. There are no known extenuating circumstances in respect of this matter such as illness, transportation issues or absence for religious observance etc.</li> </ol>
<b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b>	none
<b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b>	none
<b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b>	none

Sign

Date:

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