

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION BY CABINET

ITEM:	County Hall Options
Cabinet Members Present:	Councillors Jo Monk (Chairman), Alan Amos, Justin Bowen, Sue Eacock, Stephen Foster, Karl Perks, David Taylor and Rob Wharton
Date of Decision:	17 July 2025
Purpose:	To consider the proposals related to the relocation of the remaining services, decommissioning of the building and disposal of the County Hall site.
DECISION:	Cabinet Authorised: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. The Chief Executive in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Efficiency and the Assistant Director for Legal and Governance to make the necessary legal arrangements for the relocation of the Council's Data Centre to Pershore Civic Centre as set out in paragraph 10-24 of the agenda report;b. The Chief Executive in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Efficiency to secure alternative provision for the Record Office set out in paragraphs 37 - 38;c. The Chief Executive in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Efficiency to make arrangements for the relocation of remaining services still being run from County Hall referred to in paragraphs 42 – 43;d. The Strategic Director of Economy and Infrastructure to disconnect and resupply services to the Countryside Centre as set out in paragraph 50;e. The retention of land for car parking required during the Council's occupation of Wildwood Offices as set out in paragraph 66;

	<p>f. The Strategic Director of Economy and Infrastructure to procure arrangements to carry out the pre-disposal works set out in paragraphs 71 – 73 & 79 – 80, allowing for final decisions to be taken on education use referred to in recommendation h);</p> <p>g. The Strategic Director of Economy and Infrastructure to obtain pre application advice ahead of marketing as set out in paragraph 73;</p> <p>h. In principle, the disposal of County Hall site except the areas agreed for retention. Noted there was a report to Cabinet entitled “Worcester Secondary Sufficiency report” which recommends a feasibility report on the partial use of the County Hall site to meet the sufficiency demand for secondary education places;</p> <p>i. Noted, there will be a report to Cabinet in the autumn to report on the outcome of the feasibility study referred to in recommendation h;</p> <p>j. A report to Cabinet in the autumn to approve the final area of the site of County Hall for disposal; and</p> <p>k. The use of the previously approved £1.875m earmarked reserve for the activities contained within this report related to the decommissioning and vacant possession of County Hall set out in paragraph 51.</p>
Reason(s) for the Decision:	As set out in the report. On 6 February 2025 Cabinet agreed in principle that County Hall was surplus to the current needs of the Council so the necessary next steps needed to be agreed.
Alternative Options Considered:	None other than as set out in the report.
Conflict of Interest (any declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/any dispensation granted)	None
Date the decision is due to take effect:	24 July 2025

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