

# WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## RECORD OF OFFICER EXECUTIVE DECISION

<b>Date Of Decision</b>	15 August 2014
<b>Decision Maker</b>	Ahmed Goga Head of Economic Development & Strategic Planning
<b>Brief Description Of Decision</b>	The County Council has been allocated transition funding from Defra to develop the new LEADER programme, with an indicative budget for the next Worcestershire programme of £2.6m. Therefore a new LEADER Programme is being developed with an application submitted by 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2014.
<b>Reason(s) For Decision</b>	The proposed programme will enable Worcestershire to access £2.6m Defra funding with no match funding required from the County Council to support rural businesses and communities in Worcestershire as part of the wider use of EU funding being delivered in the county.
<b>Alternative Options Considered And Rejected</b>	There are no alternate options available to support the above mentioned projects. Rural businesses are largely excluded from other EU programmes that will be run over 2015-2020. The County Council and District councils could not fund the levels of support required.
<b>Any Conflict of Interest declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/ any dispensation granted</b>	Nil