

**RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION
BY CABINET**

ITEM:	Transfer of coroners officers to Worcestershire County Council
Cabinet Members Present:	Councillors Simon Geraghty (Chairman), Adrian Hardman, Marcus Hart, Karen May, Richard Morris, and Tracey Onslow.
Date of Decision:	29 June 2023
Purpose:	To consider the transfer of coroners officers to Worcestershire County Council.
DECISION:	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Approved the proposal to transfer of the management and future funding of Coroners Officers from West Mercia Police (WMP) to Worcestershire County Council (WCC); b) Agreed that permanent recurrent funding is sought from the County Council's budget, on a tapering basis, for 2024/25 onwards to fund the transfer of staff; and c) Authorised the Strategic Director for People, in consultation with the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Communities to agree the detail of the transfer of staff and function with a target date of 1 October 2023.
Reason(s) for the Decision:	As set out in the report. The current division of accountability within West Mercia Police does not sit well with a modern Coroner's Service. These roles do not require the exercise of any police powers, hence the request to transfer to WCC
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)	Cllr Marc Bayliss declared a pecuniary interest as Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner and left the meeting room during the consideration of the item.
Date the decision is due to take effect:	6 July 2023

HAZEL BEST, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE