

Meeting:	General Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Meeting date:	18 February 2015
Title of report:	Review of lease restructuring with Hereford United (1939) Ltd
Report by:	Director of Economy, Communities & Corporate

Classification

Open

Key Decision

This is not an executive decision.

Wards Affected

Central (Although considerable countywide interest).

Purpose

To consider lessons learned from the lease restructuring with Hereford United (1939) Ltd.

Recommendation(s)

THAT:

- (a) the committee identify any additional learning points to inform future decision making.**

Alternative options

1 None.

Reasons for recommendations

2 The recommendation is in accordance with the terms of reference of the review.

Key considerations

3 The terms of reference of the review are provided in appendix 1.

4 The considerations are incorporated into the briefing report provided in appendix 2.

5 Copies of all leases and the development agreement are available to view on the council's web site.

6 Plans illustrating the areas covered by the respective leases are provided in appendix 3.

Community impact

7 The Edgar Street Athletic Ground is considered an important asset to the county and there are community aspirations that the council provides support to a club to enable league football to continue at the ground. The former club was involved in a number of community activities and the lease restructuring is seen as a means for facilitating additional benefits to the local and wider community.

Equality duty

8 There are no implications arising from this report.

Financial implications

9 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Legal implications

10 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

11 Legal advice and interpretation of the leases is provided within the briefing note in appendix 2.

Risk management

12 The GOSC review is intended to inform future executive decisions regarding the grant of leases and mitigate against the replication of any past oversights that might have exposed the council to unnecessary risk as a landlord.

Consultees

13 None, as the report is a briefing note only.

Appendices

Appendix 1 GOSC scoping for the review.

Appendix 2 Briefing report.

Appendix 3 Plans of ground indicating extent of leases.

- Pre 2014 lease
- 2014 leases
- 2015 proposed lease

Background papers

- None identified.