

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A NON-KEY OFFICER DECISION ECONOMY, COMMUNITIES & CORPORATE DIRECTORATE

ITEM:	16 – 18 High Town compulsory purchase order
Officer Title:	Regeneration Programme Manager
Date of Decision:	25 April 2017
Purpose:	To approve the making of necessary orders to expedite the purchase and subsequent development of 16 – 18 High Town, Hereford.
Decision:	<p>THAT:</p> <p>(a) approval be given to commence the making of a compulsory purchase order (CPO) for 16-18 High Town Hereford (in accordance with the order document attached at appendix A), under the council's statutory powers of compulsory acquisition.</p>
Reasons for the Decision:	<p>The current dilapidated state of the site is considered to be a blight on the city centre.</p> <p>A CPO would enable the council to purchase and redevelop the site, thereby remedying the situation.</p> <p>Authority to effect the purchase was delegated by cabinet to the director for economy, communities and corporate.</p>
Consultation:	The local member and the cabinet member contracts and assets and the chief finance officer have been consulted and support the proposed action.
Options Considered:	No alternative is suggested as all reasonable time and assistance has been given to the current owner/liquidator to encourage the sale and redevelopment of the site.
Declaration of Interest:	N/A

Officer Name: Geoff Hughes

Officer Title: Director of Economy, Communities and Corporate

Signature: Date: 25 April 2017