

### Record of officer decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	<b>Appointment of BE Group to undertake the Bromyard Employment Land Study as evidence for the Bromyard Development Plan Document.</b>
<b>Date of decision:</b>	11 September 2018
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Programme director housing and growth.
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	The preparation of development plan documents including the issues and option stage is delegated to the Programme director housing and growth within the EEC scheme of delegation (June 2018).
<b>Ward:</b>	Bishops Frome and Cradley; Bromyard Bringsty; Bromyard west; Hampton; Three Crosses
<b>Consultation:</b>	None.
<b>Decision made:</b>	Award a contract to BE Group for the preparation of a Bromyard Employment Land Study at a total cost of £19,940.
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	<p>The Bromyard Development Plan Document will include policies and proposals to guide new development that will deliver both the strategic policies of the Core Strategy and more local detailed policies to guide development within the town. The preparation of the study will provide key evidence to help the preparation of Bromyard Development Plan Document with regards to the 5 hectare of employment land requirement indicated within the Core Strategy.</p> <p>The study will ascertain the requirement for employment land within the area and assess any potential sites, either within or surrounding the town, to meet this need.</p> <p>This evidence will be used to support the plan during its preparation included the public enquiry stage.</p>
<b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b>	Sufficient budget is available to fund the study from the Local Development Framework budget areas and reserves.
<b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b>	<p>Alternative options to commissioning the study are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) To prepare the supporting evidence in-house. The preparation of a detailed employment land study will require a specialist knowledge and experience which is not available within the council.</li> <li>b) Not to produce the study. This would rely on the current requirement for 5 hectares of employment land as indicated within the Core Strategy. There has been some concerned expressed regarding the basis for this requirement and the ability to find suitable land for the allocation. The National Planning Policy Framework highlights that the preparation</li> </ul>

	of policies should be underpinned by relevant and up-to-date evidence.
<b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b>	None

Signed..... Date: