

### Record of officer decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	Grant for Buchanan Trust
<b>Date of decision:</b>	12 March 2020
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Richard Gabb, Program Director Housing and Growth
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	Directorate scheme of delegation Economy and Place, Strategic Housing row 7, Approval for the allocation of grant money to developers/RSL's/applicants. Program Director Housing and Growth. Council function.
<b>Ward:</b>	Hope Ward
<b>Consultation:</b>	None
<b>Decision made:</b>	To approve grant funding of £100,000 to Buchanan Trust and to enter into a grant agreement.
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buchanan Trust oversees an estate nearing 700 acres which is made up of tenanted farms and cottages.</li> <li>• The trust is seeking to provide more affordable housing for veterans.</li> <li>• Planning was achieved 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017 for 5 additional affordable units</li> <li>• The trust has secured some funding through the Almshouse Consortium but requires further funding and has approach Herefordshire Council</li> <li>• The units will be allocated to ex-Service personnel at risk of homelessness in Herefordshire.</li> <li>• The trust receives a number of referrals from Royal British Legion, Local Authority and the National Centre for Trauma and Walking with the Wounded</li> </ul>
<b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An available budget has been identified from Strategic Housings Capital Budget and programme agreed at Full Council on 27 February 2020.</li> <li>• The trust plays an integral part in meeting the needs for veterans in Herefordshire by providing short-term support.</li> <li>• Assisting housing for homeless veterans reduces the risk of homelessness and social exclusion.</li> <li>• The support that the veterans will receive from Buchan Trust will help them make a successful return to civilian life.</li> <li>• The project will be monitored through KPI's and reported at each trustee meeting and will be monitored on the number of veterans resident in their accommodation, void periods between residents and the number of veterans who move on to employment.</li> </ul>
<b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b>	No alternative options. If match funding is not received then the scheme cannot go ahead.

<b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b>	If any officers or members involved or consulted in the decision-making have declared an interest you should include the declaration here.

I am an officer delegated to make the decision

Signed:

Print Name: Richard Gabb

Job Title: Programme Director Housing and Growth