

## APPENDIX A

**Consultant's Brief for the purpose of procuring experienced and suitably qualified consultants to undertake an investigation of different models of delivering council housing for Herefordshire Council to consider in helping tackle the ongoing shortage of affordable housing in the county.**

### 1. Project Unique Reference Number

### 2. Project aims and objectives

Herefordshire Council ("the Council") wishes to undertake an investigation into different models of delivering council housing.

The ambition of the Council is to help tackle the housing market's failure to meet local housing need in Herefordshire by increasing the delivery of affordable housing and to create improved housing choice generally, including for vulnerable residents.

In support of the objectives outlined above, Herefordshire Council wishes to engage specialist support to undertake the investigations.

The brief therefore is to review the background to the Council's desire to investigate potential models of delivery of council housing, investigate the different models of delivering council housing available for Herefordshire Council to consider and to prepare and deliver a report of findings.

This is an initial stage to assist the Council to consider its options and agree any next steps.

The Council's County Plan 2020 – 2024 sets out a challenging ambition for the delivery of new homes through this project:-

- *To drive the delivery of affordable housing, the council will look to develop its own housing stock to provide over 1,000 additional genuinely affordable homes for local people in Herefordshire.*

Cabinet has indicated a capital programme that could lead to investing up to £100m in housing in the four years from 2022/23.

### 3. Key outcomes / deliverables

The report and presentation would be expected to cover:-

- Findings from the investigation into potential models of delivery of council housing

#### **4. Timescale**

The commission is expected to commence no later than 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

It is anticipated that the report will be made available to the Council within 8 weeks of the date of the Agreement with a presentation to Cabinet at a date to be agreed.

#### **5. Project payment**

Payment for this work will be made on delivery of a satisfactory report as set out in Section 3 above.

#### **6. Terms & Conditions**

Contract terms and conditions to be in accordance with the Council's standard Consultants contract