

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Freehold sale of 240 m² land at Ross Road Ledbury
Date of decision:	7 January 2021
Decision maker:	Assistant Director for Technical Services
Authority for delegated decision:	The Economy and Place Scheme of Delegation dated 23/12/2019 updated 01/12/2020 (line 53) gives the Assistant Director for Technical Services the authority to take the decision: To negotiate and agree terms regarding the acquisition (including compulsory purchase) and disposal of property assets and legal interests.
Ward:	Ledbury South
Consultation:	Ward Cllr I 'Anson was consulted and was supportive of the proposal. The Solicitor to the Council and Chief Finance Officer were consulted and this RoOD has regard to the comments made.
Decision made:	Freehold sale of 240 m ² land at Ross Road Ledbury
Reasons for decision:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The land comprises a small area being the building footprint. 2. The sale is to the Trustees of the Ledbury Rifle and Pistol Club for the sum of £7,500. They already own the building and have had a ground lease of the land which has 6 years unexpired at a rent of £300 per annum. 3. The surrounding site was transferred by way of freehold community asset transfer to Ledbury Rugby Club in 2015 but the Rugby Club did not want to take on the Rifle Club tenancy as landlord. 4. The Ledbury Rifle and Pistol Club did not meet the criteria for a Community Asset Transfer but purchasing the land would enable them to secure a long-term future at this location and access funding for development.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Herefordshire Council's consent (as previous owner) is required for any future change of use regardless of any planning consent. 6. The Council's legal fees are to be paid by the purchaser.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	No suitable alternatives were proposed
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed:
Chris Jenner, Assistant Director Technical Services

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