

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	To enter into a lease agreement for the letting of Widemarsh Common Pavilion
Date of decision:	01/07/2024
Decision maker:	Strategic Assets Delivery Director
Authority for delegated decision:	Corporate Services' scheme of delegation dated July 2023 updated August 2023 (line 35) gives the Commercial & Investment Manager the authority to take the decision
Ward:	Widemarsh
Consultation:	None
Decision made:	<p>A decision to grant a lease for the use of the Widemarsh Common Pavilion and the subsequent planning application for change of use to a café which will provide work experience for youths.</p> <p>The property was advertised on the Herefordshire Council property pages. Three parties expressed interest and were given the chance to present a case for leasing the property. The most favourable party was chosen to be offered the lease.</p>
Reasons for decision:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Widemarsh Pavilion's previous tenant vacated the building at the end of April, the property was subsequently advertised on Herefordshire Council's 'property to let' page and interested parties were given the opportunity to express interest. - It is important to find a tenant for the property to ensure that it does not fall into further disrepair and is the target for vandals. - The Lease has been offered to the tenant that accepted the draft heads of terms without amending. - Proposed use will be of future benefit and accessible to the youth of Herefordshire. - The prospective tenant is committing to investing in the property to ensure that the asset is bettered.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Potential to provide income and increased asset value on completion of lease
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	Other parties were interested originally but these were either rejected during the decision making process or the parties removed their interest.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed..... Date: 4th July 2024

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