

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	New Lease Edgar Street Football Ground
Date of decision:	27/10/2025
Decision maker:	Commercial and Investment Manager
Authority for delegated decision:	Corporate Services' scheme of delegation dated April 2025 (line 35) gives the Commercial and Investment Manager the authority to take the decision
Ward:	Widemarsh
Consultation:	Issue details - New Lease Edgar Street Football Ground - Herefordshire Council
Decision made:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To grant a new lease for a term of 40 years to commence 1st August 2030 To accept a surrender of part of current lease to facilitate demolition of Blackfriars stand To grant a new lease of additional land to the north of the ground co-terminus with current lease
Reasons for decision:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The current lease has an unexpired term of 5 years Tenant has requested a longer term to assist with grant funding submissions for improvements at the ground Surrender of part in the south, and a new lease of additional land in the north are to formalize current arrangements and will be carried forward to the new 40 year lease
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	The length of the new lease confirms Herefordshire Council's commitment to retaining football in the city and enables long term investment of the remainder of the facilities
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do nothing: Not recommended as the current length and terms of the existing lease does not allow for the tenant to take advantage of external funding opportunities as they become available. There are currently opportunities for funding through the football foundation who require the security of a long lease. Renew lease on the same terms: Not recommended as the current length and terms of the existing lease is insufficient to take advantage of external funding opportunities. Not renew the lease: Although termination would give the council vacant possession of the site, this is not recommended as the council is committed to supporting the retention of football in the county. Without an alternative location being identified the decision to not renew the lease would impact the club's ability to meet the tenure requirements of future funding opportunities
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed..... Date: 27/10/2025

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