

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Community Housing Fund Capital Commitment
Date of decision:	25 January 2018
Decision maker:	Martin Samuels, Director for Adults and Wellbeing
Authority for delegated decision:	The chief executive's scheme of delegation
Ward:	Countywide
Consultation:	None required
Decision made:	To advise what projects the community-led housing fund has been allocated to
Reasons for decision:	<p>Following cabinet decision dated 9th March 2017 Community housing fund, the funding has been allocated to the following projects;</p> <p>£57,000 to be allocated to community Self Build project for Veterans.</p> <p>£20,000 to be allocated Llanwarne Parish for the refurbishment of care takers accommodation for intermediate rent for household with local connection.</p> <p>£100,000 to be allocated for Hope Scott House to provide affordable housing for homeless rough sleepers in Hereford City.</p>
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The available budget has been agreed • Authority has been delegated to the director for adults and wellbeing to allocate community funding to specific programs which provide an opportunity to make investment in housing, which responds to local community needs • This is the first tranche of funding from DCLG that will help support self build projects, local people make use of empty properties and support vulnerable residents • Failure to support the proposed allocation could impact front line services • The self-build project will enable veterans to develop skills to assist them into long term employment and provide a settled home. • Assisting housing for the homeless community will decrease rough sleeping within the city center and will have a significant impact on individual health and well being whilst reducing pressure on council services.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	No alternative options were considered. A small amount of the Community Housing Fund was allocated to assist charities and local communities to deliver additional affordable housing within their parish/community.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed

Date: 25.01.18