Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Licence to occupy in respect of 6-10 Southbank Close Hereford and 150 – 152 Ridgemoor Road Leominster to Hoople Ltd
Date of decision:	18 January 2022
Decision maker:	Acting Head of Property
Authority for delegated decision:	The Economy and Place Scheme of Delegation dated 23/12/2019 updated 23/12/2021 (line 54) gives the Acting Head of Property the authority to take the decision
Ward:	All wards
Consultation:	None
Decision made:	To grant a Licence to occupy in respect of 6-10 Southbank Close Hereford and 150 – 152 Ridgemoor Road Leominster to Hoople Ltd
Reasons for decision:	The properties are owned by the council for the delivery of residential care and respite to persons with learning disabilities. The decision was made to insource the learning disabilities residential and respite service from the previous provider when the contract expired 31/07/2021 and for Hoople Ltd to deliver the service from 1/08/2021 https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/documents/s50089463/Approve%20th e%20option%20to%20deliver%20the%20residential%20and%20respite%20service%20for%20adults%20with%20a%20learning%20disabil.pdf Granting a licence to occupy to Hoople Ltd will ensure that there is no interruption to the delivery of this essential service. The licence to occupy is initially until the end of the current financial year, when it will be reviewed. The terms agreed reflect current market rents and Hoople Ltd will be responsible for payment of outgoings and repairs to the properties.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	If the licence to occupy is not granted there is a risk that provision of this essential service will be interrupted
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	No suitable alternatives were proposed
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed Date: 18 January 2022

Sarah Jowett Acting Head of Property