

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Commissioning of Professional advice to complete the Ecological Survey for Holme Lacy.
Date of decision:	26th January 2022
Decision maker:	Director of Resources and Assurance (Chief Finance Officer)
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>Cabinet decision on 22 July 2021 approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An outline design for the council site at the former Holme Lacy Primary School is commissioned to allow housing market assessment and for the designs up to and including planning submission for houses on this council owned site; • An outline design for the council site at The Paddock, Aylestone Hill Ward, is commissioned to allow for the design, submission of planning application and disposal of the site subject to securing planning permission; and • The Chief Finance Officer (Director of Resources and Assurance) is authorised to take all operational decisions with regard the former Holme Lacy Primary School and The Paddock, Aylestone Hill Ward, projects including any potential future land sale of the site within a budget of £400k. Link to decision: https://hc-modgov.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=8061
Ward:	Dinedor Hill and Aylestone Hill Ward
Consultation:	The Cabinet Member Commissioning, Procurement and Assets, Cabinet Member Housing, regulatory services and community safety, Commercial Services and Legal Services have been consulted and confirmed that the decision may be taken.
Decision made:	The work required for an Ecological survey is to be carried out by Udall Martin Associates. They were selected following the receipt of three quotes from separate organisations where they the provided the lowest submission for the service. The work will be undertaken up to a value of £850.00.
Reasons for decision:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As part of the design work for Holme Lacy an ecological survey is required.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not awarding this work to Udall Martin Associates would compromise the council's ability to deliver on time, utilising the services of a procured partner is considered value for money.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	Commission this work in house. This option has been rejected as the council does not have sufficient capacity or expertise in house and this approach would potentially put the council at risk of not being able to proceed with the site due to the lack of expertise and knowledge.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed:

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