## **Record of officer decision**

Decision title:	Commissioning of Professional advice to complete the Topological Survey for Holme Lacy and The Paddocks
Date of decision:	7 February 2022
Decision maker:	Director of Resources and Assurance
Authority for delegated decision:	Cabinet decision on 22 July 2021 approved: 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:  Issue details - Recommendation for potential sites to progress affordable housing delivery in Herefordshire - Herefordshire Council
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 a Topological survey is to be carried out by Precise Land Surveys. They were selected following the receipt of three quotes from separate organisations where they provided the lowest submission for the service. The work will be undertaken up to a value of $£2000$
Reasons for decision:	As part of the design work for Holme Lacy and The Paddocks a Topological survey is required. For Holme Lacy this will include an internal survey of the School building
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/ equality considerations:	Not awarding this work to Precise Land Surveys 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: Date: 7 February 2022