

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Lease for Air Quality Monitoring Station on land at Poppy Walk (Staddlestones Circle Open Space) Hereford
Date of decision:	05.09.2023
Decision maker:	Strategic Assets Delivery Director
Authority for delegated decision:	Corporate Centre's scheme of delegation dated July 2023 (line 35) gives the Strategic Assets Delivery Director the authority to take the decision
Ward:	Saxon Gate
Consultation:	With the council's Parks & Leisure Centre Commissioning Manager who has no objection to the proposal
Decision made:	To grant a lease for Air Quality Monitoring Station at Land at Poppy Walk Hereford
Reasons for decision:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The land comprises a small plot of land (less than 2m²) forming part of the Staddlestones Circle public open space at Poppy Walk Hereford which is owned by the council. • The Environment Agency (EA) have requested that the council grant them a lease permitting them to install a monitoring station on the land to enable them to monitor air quality in the vicinity. • The monitoring station will form part of the national network aimed at gathering data to assess compliance with The Environmental Targets (Fine Particulate Matter) (England) Regulations 2023. • The grant of a lease constitutes a disposal of public open space and will be advertised in the local press in line with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1972 • Terms for a lease have been provisionally agreed providing for the payment of an annual rent for the land and on the basis that the EA will pay the council's legal and advertising costs to a maximum of £1,000.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	The council's legal team will deal with the lease to ensure the council's position is not adversely affected and fees in the matter will be paid by the EA
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	None - the council wishes to support this government backed national initiative to improve air quality in line with the recent legislation
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed..... Date: 05 September 2023
 Strategic Assets Delivery Director