

### Record of operational decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	To award a contract to the value of £95,000 to Rose Regeneration Limited for the delivery the final stage of the Towns Investment Programme
<b>Date of decision:</b>	12 July 2024
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Head of Strategic Finance (Deputy section 151 officer)
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	<a href="https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?id=8651">https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?id=8651</a>
<b>Ward:</b>	Aylestone Hill; Belmont Rural; Bobblestock; Central; College; Dinedor Hill; Eign Hill; Greyfriars; Hinton & Hunderton; Holmer; Kings Acre; Newton Farm; Redhill; Saxon Gate; Tupsley; Whitecross; Widemarsh;
<b>Consultation:</b>	Towns Fund Partnership Board, Towns Project Development Group,
<b>Decision made:</b>	To award a contract to Rose Regeneration Limited to the value of £95,000 for the final delivery stage of the Towns Fund programme August 2024 – March 2026 from the Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities.
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	To enable the Town Fund programme to be supported during the delivery stage, complete all monitoring and evaluation documentation from DLUHC over the next year and to provide robust programme management to the Town Fund board, the 15 projects within the programme and work closely with the council acting in its role as the accountable body in presenting informative evidence and information to draw down funding throughout the year working with the 15 projects.
<b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b>	If this decision is not taken then there is risk that the projects will not be tracked and monitored and the Towns Fund Board will not have the necessary information to make informed decision over the coming year against the programme risking the successful delivery of the 15 Town Fund projects.
<b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b>	To not award the contract: This is not recommended because the partnership board is ran by volunteers who don't have the capacity to complete the programme management of the delivery stage of the Town Fund programme. It is also a requirement from DLUHC to use a percentage of the funding for programme and project management which is what this award will be using to fund the commission.
<b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b>	None

Signed..... Date: