

## Record of officer decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	<b>The grant of a lease to the Fern Multi-Academy Trust Hereford at Greencroft Centre at Marlbrook Primary School</b>
<b>Date of decision:</b>	16 October 2024
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Senior Estate Manager
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	Corporate Services' scheme of delegation dated May 2024 (line 35) gives the Senior Estate Manager the authority to take the decision
<b>Ward:</b>	Redhill
<b>Consultation:</b>	None
<b>Decision made:</b>	<b>The grant of a lease to the Fern Multi-Academy Trust Hereford at Greencroft Centre at Marlbrook Primary School</b>
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Greencroft Centre was built as a Children's Centre using government SureStart funding. It is in an area of high need.</li> <li>• With a re-organisation of services, excess space in the building was taken up by the school, which took over running of the building as a whole.</li> <li>• As the building is shared between the school, children's services and a private nursery it has been decided to exclude the building as a whole from the 125 yr Academy lease that is to be granted to the Fern Multi-Academy Trust.</li> <li>• Consequently, Herefordshire Council will resume overall control and management of the building and grant a lease to the school (Fern Multi-Academy Trust) for a term of 15 years.</li> </ul>
<b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The school will pay a service charge based on floor area to contribute to the running costs of the building.</li> <li>• Continued use of part for children's services will negate the risk of any clawback provisions of the original grant.</li> </ul>
<b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Including Greencroft in the 125 yr lease to the Academy and the council to walk away entirely would expose the council to the risk of losing a valuable nursery provision, and expose the Academy to risk of clawback on the original construction cost.</li> <li>• Include Greencroft in the 125 yr lease to the Academy and sub-leasing part back to the council, but this would be difficult to manage and the council would lose ultimate control of the property.</li> </ul>
<b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b>	None

Signed..... Date: 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024

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