

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Apply for a court order to repossess land currently inhabited by squatters
Date of decision:	28/02/2025
Decision maker:	Corporate Director, Economy and Environment
Authority for delegated decision:	Corporate Services' scheme of delegation dated July 2023 updated August 2023 (line 33) gives the Corporate Direction of Economy and Environment the authority to take the decision
Ward:	Widemarsh
Consultation:	Legal Services Outreach Team Environmental Health Planning Enforcement
Decision made:	Apply for court order to repossess land currently inhabited by squatters.
Reasons for decision:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Squatters are currently inhabiting land owned by Herefordshire Council. - A court order is sought to give permission to remove the individuals. - Herefordshire Council served a letter on the squatters asking for them to vacate by a certain date. The individuals did not vacate.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	The land will need to be cleared at HC's expense.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	Removal using Common Law powers of eviction, legal have advised on the proposed route.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed..... Date: 28.02.25

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