

## Redditch Borough Council

### Record of a Council/Committee/Executive Committee Decision delegated to be made by an Officer

This includes a record of an Executive Decision made by an officer under Regulation 13, Part 4 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 and other Decisions under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014

<b>Item decided: Lease of Town Hall Space to Worcestershire Country Council as part of the New Community Hub</b>	
<b>Officer who has taken the decision</b>	Peter Carpenter – Director of Resources/Deputy Chief Executive
<b>Date of the decision</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
<b>Reason for the decision</b>	<p>Authority has been delegated to the Director of Resources to implement the Community Hub Business Case.</p> <p>An Officer Decision Notice was made in November 2023 to appoint Seddons as the Contractor to deliver the Works.</p> <p>This Officer Decision Notice is to approve Heads of Terms to enter into 125 year reciprocating leases with Worcestershire County Council for the movement of Library Services into the Town Hall Hub and the Borough Council to take control of the existing Library Site and redevelop it as per the Towns Fund investment plan.</p> <p>The two Heads of Terms are confidential in nature as they both contain commercially sensitive information.</p>
<b>Date and source of Delegated Decision</b>	<p>The initial Report setting out a proposed change of use of the Town Hall into a Community Hub with multiple public sector bodies is set out in the Closure of the Cash Hall Report to Executive dated 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022.</p> <p>A more complete report on the Town Hall Hub was presented to Executive on the 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022. This report gave the authority be delegated to the Section 151 Officer and the Head of Legal, Democratic and Property Services to finalise and implement the community hub business case and to procure and appoint contractors to undertake and deliver the works.</p>

	<p>A further report came to Executive on the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023 setting out detailed designs, and increase in cost and that Authority be delegated to the Interim Director of Finance and Resource to enter into the consequential contractual arrangements.</p> <p>Note, following consultation, Worcestershire County Council at Cabinet on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023 approved the relocation of the Library into the new Hub at the Town Hall.</p>
<p><b>Council/Portfolio/other member consulted – if applicable</b></p>	<p><b>Leader</b></p>
<p><b>Any interest declared by the Consultee - a note of dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service is attached</b></p>	
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