

Written statement of a non-key officer decision
Corporate Director – Economy & Environment

Title	Merton Meadow Flood Alleviation Scheme
Decision maker	Corporate Director – Economy & Environment
Date of decision	30 September 2026
Report exemption class	Open
Purpose	Approval for additional expenditure due to the impact of unprecedented levels of rainfall and flooding on the site during January to March 2026
Decision	a) To approve expenditure of up to £250,000 to meet the additional cost incurred on the Merton Meadow Flood Alleviation scheme due to unprecedented rainfall incurred during the construction period leading to delays and increased groundwater levels, and; b) To delegate to the Director for Growth all operational decisions in finalising the project.
Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50055788
Consultation	
Options considered	1. To utilise a different budget to meet the additional costs. The reserve identified is income to the council from a project to support growth.
Declarations of interest	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	6 October 2026

Officer:

Date 30 September 2026

Corporate Director – Economy & Environment
(John Hobbs)