

Written statement of a non-key decision
Cabinet member infrastructure

Title	Natural Flood Management construction grants scheme (CGS)
Decision maker	<p>Cabinet member infrastructure</p> <p>Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here:</p> <p>http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251</p>
Date of decision	30 November 2018
Report exemption class	Open
Purpose	<p>To seek approval for the launch of the Natural Flood Management Construction Grants Scheme.</p> <p>The grant scheme will help Herefordshire Council deliver the Defra funded River Wye and Lugg Natural Flood Management Project, which aims to reduce flood risk to downstream communities by working with natural process to slow the flow of water. The grant scheme will provide the necessary funding to implement Natural Flood Management (NFM) measures within the project's priority sub-catchments. Funding will be available to anyone within the sub-catchments to undertake agreed land and water management techniques which help reduce flood risk by using natural processes.</p>
Decision	<p>(a) The Natural Flood Management (NFM) Construction Grant Scheme as detailed in Appendix A be approved with a budget up to £100,000; and</p> <p>(b) The Directorate Services Team Leader be authorised to determine grants in accordance with the scheme criteria</p>
Reason for the decision	<p>As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at</p> <p>http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Id=50028381</p>
Options considered	<p>1. Not to approve the grant scheme has the potential to prevent the successful delivery of the River Wye and Lugg Natural Flood Management Project (which has a</p>

	delivery deadline of 31 March 2021). Whilst transferring the funding to another body to distribute on our behalf may be an option, this was not deemed appropriate as this is public funding which the council is best placed to allocate, given its role as lead local flood authority.
Declarations of interest (see ▪ below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	6 December 2018

Councillor: Cabinet member infrastructure (Councillor PD Price)	Date 30 November 2018
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- a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;
- and
- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted by the relevant local authority's head of paid service.