

Decision title:	Award contract for natural flood management opportunity mapping
Date of decision:	17 September 2018
Decision maker:	Directorate Services Team Leader
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>Directorate scheme of delegation: updated 14/09/18 Directorate: Economy and Place, section 42. This is an exercise of the delivery of a duty under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010.</p> <p>The authorisation limit is within the financial procedure rules and is sufficient for the decision.</p>
Ward:	Countywide
Consultation:	<p>To adopt an informed decision making process for identifying and locating the most effective types of natural flood management measures within seven priority sub-catchments.</p> <p>Following the procurement and the tender evaluation exercise, the decision is to award the contract for the service.</p> <p>The process has not been subject to consultation.</p>
Decision made:	To award Work package 2: Natural Flood Management Opportunity Mapping (from September 2018 to March 2021) at a cost of £12,012, to support the DEFRA funded, River Wye and Lugg Natural Flood Management project.
Reasons for decision:	<p>This Work package will facilitate the production of mapping which enables an informed decision making process to be adopted when deciding the type, extent and location of natural flood management.</p> <p>It will also facilitate the production of mapping which enables predictions to be made about changes in flood risk associated with natural flood management implementation. This information should be used to inform future decision making and should be completed by 28 February 2021.</p> <p>An open tender process has been undertaken in accordance with the council's contract procedure rules.</p>
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<p>Financial</p> <p>The River Wye and Lugg Natural Flood Management project is one of 24 catchment scale projects funded by the recent £15m DEFRA allocation for natural flood management projects in England (funding secured until 31 March 2021). It is one of four catchment scale projects in the Environment Agency West Midlands area together with three community scale NFM projects. The project has a value of £626,000.</p> <p>The tender process has provided competitive costs for the service.</p> <p>Legal</p>

	Herefordshire Council is a 'Lead Local Flood Authority' and the management of this project would be consistent with its series of responsibilities to coordinate the management of local flood risk.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	Not carrying out opportunity mapping would impact upon how the most effective types of natural flood management measures are identified and located.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed Directorate Services Team Leader Date: 17 September 2018