

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Award contract for the River Wye and Lugg NFM Project river and rainfall monitoring work package
Date of decision:	10/12/2018
Decision maker:	Assistant Director Highways and Transport
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> <p>The authorisation is in line with the Cabinet Member Decision Report dated 15 March 2018. http://hc-modgov:9070/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=5054</p>
Ward:	Countywide
Consultation:	<p>To collect data that can be used to assess the impact NFM measures have on river flows, specifically during high and low flow events. This helps meet the DEFRA funding requirement to gather evidence on knowledge gaps.</p> <p>Following the procurement and tender evaluation exercise, the decision is to award the contract for the services.</p> <p>The process has not been subject to consultation.</p>
Decision made:	To award Work Package 1: River and Rainfall Monitoring (from Dec 2018 until March 2021) at a cost of £42,818.77. This will support the delivery of the DEFRA funded, River Wye and Lugg Natural Flood Management project.
Reasons for decision:	<p>This contract will provide river and rainfall monitoring stations in each of the 7 priority sub-catchments of the NFM project. Real time river level, flow and rainfall data will be collected and shared with communities and project partners via an interactive website. Data will be shared with Council in an excel format on a monthly basis. This information will enable the effects and benefits of NFM measures to be assessed.</p> <p>An open tender open tender has been undertaken in accordance with the Council's contract procedure rules. Note, in order to achieve cost savings, this procurement was ran as a joint procurement with Worcestershire County Council. Herefordshire Council led the procurement and 2 contracts will be awarded.</p>
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<p><u>Financial</u></p> <p>The River Wye and Lugg Natural Flood Management project is one of 24 catchment scale projects funded by a £15m Defra allocation for natural flood management projects in England (funding</p>

	<p>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><u>Legal</u></p> <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.</p>
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	Not conducting the river and rainfall monitoring would prevent the project from meeting DEFRA's funding requirement to gather evidence on knowledge gaps.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

I am an officer delegated to make the decision

Signed:

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