

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Purchase of soil moisture testing equipment required to deliver Work Package 3B Soil Research - River Wye and Lugg Natural Flood Management Project
Date of decision:	27 July 2020
Decision maker:	Acting Assistant Director Highways & Transport / Head of Infrastructure Delivery
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>Directorate scheme of delegation: updated 20/05/20 Directorate: Economy and Place, section 77</p> <p>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</p>
Ward:	Countywide
Consultation:	<p>Environment Agency Herefordshire Council Commercial Services Manager</p> <p>An exemption to contracts procedure rules standing orders form has been signed for this decision</p>
Decision made:	Purchase soil moisture testing equipment from Delta-T Devices Ltd
Reasons for decision:	Purchase of soil moisture testing equipment from Delta-T Devices Ltd. will enable the River Wye and Lugg Natural Flood Management (NFM) project to deliver Work Package 3B soil research. This work package is required to meet Defra's funding requirements for research.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<p><i>Financial</i></p> <p>The total cost of purchasing the soil moisture testing equipment from Delta-T Devices Ltd. is £6,179.00 (Exc. VAT). Defra funding for the River Wye and Lugg NFM project is being used to purchase the equipment.</p> <p><i>Legal</i></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 purchasing the soil moisture testing equipment would prevent the project from meeting DEFRA's funding requirement to gather evidence on knowledge gaps
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed

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