

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Brimfield and Orleton Property Flood Resilience Scheme
Date of decision:	30 September 2020
Decision maker:	Acting Assistant Director Highways and Transport
Authority for delegated decision:	This is an operational decision under Section 7 – Officer Functions paragraph 3.7.5 of the Constitution and line 77 of the Economy and Place Scheme of Delegation
Ward:	Leominster North & Rural Bircher
Consultation:	Consultation with property owners directly affected, Ward Members, Legal, Finance
Decision made:	To submit an application to the Environment Agency for approval of the PFR scheme in order to secure the required Local Levy funding
Reasons for decision:	The locations of Brimfield and Orleton are two settlements within the county at which we have been trying to mitigate flood risk. A PFR scheme has been identified as being suitable and we would like to commence this project which has been identified in the Herefordshire Public Realm Contract Annual Plan 2020/21. The funding required for this scheme, which has been estimated as being £198,880 is from Local Levy funding. These funds are raised by a levy on local authorities. The Levy can be used as a discretionary contribution from the English Severn and Wye Regional Flood and Coastal Committee to invest in flood and coastal erosion risk management
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<p>The cost of the property surveys and for the purchase and installation of a basic package of measures will be covered by the scheme. We aim to provide measures that reduce the risk of flooding to the same level in all properties within the scheme. As some properties have been built higher or further from a watercourse they may be recommended fewer products than a low lying property closer to a river. In some cases, a maximum amount we can contribute may be implemented depending on availability of funding and costs of procuring the measures in the community. If property owners wish to have additional or upgraded products installed that are not included under the scheme then they will be asked to pay for the purchase of these and they will be fitted by our Contractor.</p> <p>Under the Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management (Levies) (England and Wales) Regulations 2011 (SI 2011/696) the Environment Agency may issue a levy to a lead local flood authority of a Regional Flood and Coastal Committee for a financial year in respect of the Agency's flood and coastal erosion risk management functions in the area of the Committee. The levy collected is regarded as revenue for the purposes of section 118 of the Water Resources Act 1991 which means it can only be spent with the approval of the Committee (see section 23(4) of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010).</p>

	<p>A “lead local flood authority” and a “Regional Flood and Coastal Committee” are defined by the 2010 Act.</p> <p>There are no equality issues</p>
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	No alternatives considered. Not to progress would result in these properties continuing to be at risk of flooding.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed

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Acting Assistant Director Highways & Transport

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