

## Record of officer decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	<b>Appointment of a consultancy service to Undertake a Commission Options Appraisal</b>
<b>Date of decision:</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> September 2021
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Chief Finance Officer
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	<p>The authority for the specified officer to take this decision is set out in the cabinet report approved on the 5 February 2021.</p> <p><a href="https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=7589">https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=7589</a></p> <p>The Cabinet Decision approved:</p> <p>To authorize initial expenditure up to the value of £250,000 to enable the Waste Transformation team to procure waste management options appraisals, specialist procurement advice and specialist technical advice as required for both the waste collection and waste disposal services, to enhance the successful design, contract renewal and delivery of the new services over the next 3 years.</p>
<b>Ward:</b>	Countywide
<b>Consultation:</b>	Cabinet Member for Commissioning, Procurement and Assets, Head of Environment, Climate Emergency & Waste, Waste Operations Team Leader and Commercial Services.
<b>Decision made:</b>	Following the outcome of the procurement process undertaken in accordance with the council's contract procedure rules to appoint SLR Consulting to deliver the Waste Management Strategy Commissioning Options Appraisal at a total cost of £16950.
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	To assist the council in the implementation of the New Integrated Waste Management Strategy agreed by Cabinet in July 2021.
<b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b>	The cost of £16,950 will be met through the use of the approved allocation of £250,000 from the Council's waste reserves which has been allocated for both the appointment of consultants and also the development of required resources.
<b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b>	<b>Do nothing</b> - This is not an option as the current waste disposal and collection arrangements are due to expire in November 2023/24 so this is an a rare opportunity for the waste management service to fully consider the best way to provide the service in the future. The waste collection and disposal services are a statutory service that the council have to provide so therefore it is not an option to do nothing. This will mean that the council incomplete current market information on which to base decisions about the future of the waste service.
<b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b>	None Recorded

Signed:

Andrew Lovegrove, Chief Finance Officer

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021