

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet member local engagement and community resilience

Title	Herefordshire Flood Risk Mitigation
Decision maker	Cabinet member local engagement and community resilience Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here: http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251
Date of decision	24 September 2025
Report exemption class	Open
Reason for being a key decision	<p>This is a key decision because it is likely to result in the council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the council's budget for the service or function concerned. A threshold of £500,000 is regarded as significant.</p> <p>This is a key decision because it is likely to be significant having regard to: the strategic nature of the decision; and / or whether the outcome will have an impact, for better or worse, on the amenity of the community or quality of service provided by the authority to a significant number of people living or working in the locality (two or more wards) affected.</p>
A notice was served in accordance with Part 3 (Key decisions) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.	
General exception or special urgency (as defined in the constitution)	No
Purpose	The purpose of this report is to set out how the £2.055 million for Herefordshire Flood Risk Mitigation is proposed to be spent and to seek the necessary approvals to do so.
Decision	<p>a) approval is given to draw down the £2,055,000 additional budget allocated in the Capital Programme for flood risk mitigation across 2025/26 and 2026/27; and</p> <p>b) delegated authority is given to the Chief Operating Officer Resident Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Local Engagement and Community</p>

	Resilience, to take all operational decisions over the lifetime of the project, to deliver the investment set out in recommendation (a).
Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50051100
Options considered	1. Not to invest £2,055,000 on flood risk mitigation as set out above, this is not recommended as this would be contrary to the council resolution on 7 February 2025 .
Declarations of interest (see ▪ below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	30 September 2025

Councillor: Cabinet member local engagement and community resilience (Councillor Dan Hurcomb)	Date 24 September 2025
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- a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;
- and
- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted.