

Written statement of a non-key officer decision
Corporate Director – Economy & Environment

Title	Allocating the Climate and Nature Reserve Phase 2 (Previously a key decision)
Decision maker	Corporate Director – Economy & Environment
Date of decision	26 June 2026
Report exemption class	Open
Purpose	To Allocate the balance of the Climate and Nature Reserve for the delivery of projects which will positively impact the climate and natural environment of Herefordshire to the benefit of all who reside in the county.
Decision	That: a) Approve the proposed allocation of £256,672 from the Climate Reserve; b) Endorse the three investment themes; I. Supporting Herefordshire Communities II. Investing in Herefordshire III. Research, Development and Policy and c) Delegate all operational decisions to Head of Environment to enable the full spend of the balance of the reserve and delivery of the programme.
Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50052705
Consultation	
Options considered	1. Seek external funding: To date we have been successful in securing external funding, replacing precious reserve monies with external grant. While desirable, and a priority of the teams to do so this is not guaranteed and would delay implementation if we were to rely on this alone.

	2. Do nothing: This would delay or prevent delivery of key climate and nature projects, risking failure to meet environmental targets and loss of external funding opportunities.
Declarations of interest	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	2 July 2026

Officer: Corporate Director – Economy & Environment (John Hobbs)	Date 26 June 2026
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