

**Written statement of a key decision**  
**Cabinet member Infrastructure and transport**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Herefordshire Natural Flood Management (NFM) Project</b>
Decision maker	Cabinet member Infrastructure and transport Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here: <a href="http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251</a>
Date of decision	20 April 2022
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	To accept and authorise the spend of the Flood defence grant in aid and Local Regional Flood Risk Management Committee funding offered by the Environment Agency up to £1,273,600 in support of the proposed Natural Flood Management project ( "NFM Project") and to approve the commencement of the procurement of Catchment Advisor services to support the project.
<b>Decision</b>	<p>THAT:</p> <p>a) The funding of £1,273,600 offered by the Environment Agency be accepted and expenditure of the funding in support of the proposed NFM Project across the 5 year period up until 31 March 2027 be authorised;</p>

	<p>b) All operational decisions and spend of the £1,273,600 funding in accordance with the Business Case (Annex 1) be delegated to the Interim Service Director Environment, Highways and Waste, in consultation with the Cabinet member for Infrastructure and transport; and</p> <p>c) The commencement of the procurement of Catchment Advisor services to support the project be approved and all operational decisions be delegated to the Interim Service Director Environment, Highways and Waste.</p>
Reason for the decision	<p>As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at</p> <p><a href="http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50040167">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50040167</a></p>
Options considered	<p>Not to accept and approve the £1,273,600 funding in support of the proposed NFM Project and/or accept and approve part funding. This is not recommended as the council is a 'Lead Local Flood Authority' and this project would not enable the council to discharge its statutory responsibilities to coordinate the management of local flood risk. It will also assist with the achievement of the objectives that we have set out in our Local Flood Risk Management Strategy.</p>
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	26 April 2022

<p>Councillor: .....</p> <p>Cabinet member Infrastructure and transport (Councillor John Harrington)</p>	<p>Date 20 April 2022</p>
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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;

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- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted.