

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Enter into licence agreements with landowners to facilitate the delivery of Work Package 3B Soil Research - River Wye and Lugg Natural Flood Management Project
Date of decision:	27 November 2020
Decision maker:	Acting Assistant Director Highways & Transport / Head of Infrastructure Delivery
Authority for delegated decision:	Directorate scheme of delegation updated 04/11/20 Directorate: Economy and Place, section 77. This is an exercise of the delivery of a duty under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010. The authorisation limit is within the financial procedure rules and is sufficient for the decision. The authorisation is in line with the Cabinet Member Decision Report dated 15 March 2018. https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=5054
Ward:	Countywide
Consultation:	Herefordshire Council's legal team Herefordshire Council Property Technical Officer
Decision made:	Enter into licence agreements with landowners to facilitate the delivery of Work Package 3B Soil Research
Reasons for decision:	By entering into licence agreements with relevant landowners, the River Wye and Lugg Natural Flood Management Project will be able to install and access soil moisture testing equipment on several private properties within Herefordshire. This equipment is required to deliver Work Package 3B soil research, which has been designed to meet Defra's funding requirements for research.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	Financial There is no cost associated with this decision. Legal Herefordshire Council is a 'Lead Local Flood Authority' and the management of this project would be consistent with its series of responsibilities to coordinate the management of local flood risk.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	Not entering into these licence agreements would prevent the project from meeting DEFRA's funding requirement to gather evidence on knowledge gaps.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed

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