

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	MarRE Summative Assessment
Date of decision:	15 March 2021
Decision maker:	Director for Economy and Place
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>On 30 November 2018 the Cabinet member infrastructure approved recommendations:</p> <p>That subject to MHCLG approval of the funding:</p> <p>Herefordshire Council act as accountable body for the Marches Renewable Energy Grant Scheme;</p> <p>The scheme be approved as per the application form at appendix 1;</p> <p>The Director for Economy and Place be authorised to take all operational decisions necessary to implement the scheme including determination of grant applications in accordance with scheme criteria</p> <p>The Chief Finance Officer be requested to add the approved funding into the council's capital programme.</p> <p>https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=5512</p>
Ward:	All Wards
Consultation:	N/A
Decision made:	To authorise the procurement of a Summative Assessment for the Marches Renewable Energy (MarRE) scheme as per the application and grant conditions at a cost of not more than £6,000
Reasons for decision:	<p>A procurement exercise will be run to: secure the services of an independent evaluator to undertake an ERDF compliant Summative Assessment of the Marches Renewable Energy scheme; provide a full report together with a final summary in line with the requirements of the specification and ERDF guidance.</p> <p>The cost of £6,000 is contained within the MarRE budget. This is an existing Grant scheme that commenced in July 2019</p>
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<p>The assessment will be fully funded from the MarRE budget.</p> <p>The main risk is that the conducting of the assessment does not meet the specification and required quality. This will be offset by appointing an experienced assessor with a track record of doing similar assessments.</p> <p>There is a risk of non-compliance with the funding agreement if the assessment is not completed and supplied to the Secretary of State (MHCLG) at least three months before the final grant claim is submitted.</p> <p>This will be offset by setting a timetable for conducting the assessment well within the required timescale</p>
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	None as the undertaking of an external summative assessment of the MarRE scheme is contained within the funding agreement between MHCLG and Herefordshire Council.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed

Richard Ball
Director for Economy & Place

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