

Record of operational decision

Decision title:	Second Cycle Flood Risk Management Plans
Date of decision:	29 June 2021
Decision maker:	Acting Assistant Director Highways & Transport / Head of Infrastructure Delivery
Authority for delegated decision:	Directorate scheme of delegation: Paragraph 77, updated 28/04/2021 Directorate: Economy and Place, section 77. This is an exercise of the delivery of a duty under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010
Ward:	Countywide
Consultation:	Herefordshire Council's finance team Herefordshire Council's legal team
Decision made:	To participate in the Second Cycle Flood Risk Management Plans and to accept the four principles of these plans and the specific Herefordshire Council measures
Reasons for decision:	<p>This is a decision to take part in the Environment Agency's roll out of Second Cycle Flood Risk Management Plans. This is a national initiative covering flood risk policies in England which is consistent with Herefordshire Council's Local Flood Risk Management Strategy.</p> <p>Flood Risk Management Plans set out day to day work undertaken by the Environment Agency and lead local flood authorities. They have been developed with the Association of Directors of Environment Economy Planning and Transport (ADEPT) Flood and Water Group who represent lead local flood authorities.</p> <p>The Flood Risk Management Plan measures have been split into the four categories of prevention, protection, preparedness and recovery and review to align with the 2009 Flood Risk Regulations. They have been written in a specific measurable achievable realistic and timebound (SMART) format so that they are consistent with other measures in flood risk management plans. They link to existing legal powers and duties as set out in the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 and other relevant policy, legislation and guidance and so should not place any undue burden on lead local flood authorities. Measures specific to actions in Herefordshire have also been developed.</p> <p>Further details of the measures can be referred to in Appendix A</p>
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<p>Financial</p> <p>None. The plan is being funded by the Environment Agency. Any emergent schemes will be subject to any relevant funding and business case/governance requirements.</p> <p>Legal</p>

	There will be no alterations to the existing permissive powers as set out by the Flood Water Management Act 2010.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	Do nothing. Herefordshire Council could decide not to take part in the Environment Agency's roll out of Flood Risk Management Plans cycle 2. This is not recommended as the council is a lead local flood authority and to participate would be consistent with its series of responsibilities to coordinate the management of local flood risk.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	

Signed

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