

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Farm Carbon Audits	
Date of decision:	11 January 2023	
Decision maker:	Corporate Director, Economy and Environment, subject to consultation with relevant Cabinet Members and the s151 officer.	
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>Cabinet decision authorising the officer; Citizens Climate Assembly Next Steps and Recommendations, dated 28 April 2022.</p> <p>https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/documents/s50099972/Citizens%20Climate%20Assembly%20Next%20Steps%20and%20Recommendations.pdf</p> <p>Cabinet decision approving the movement of reserves, dated 29 September 2022.</p> <p>https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/documents/s50103908/Annual%20review%20of%20earmarked%20reserves.pdf</p>	
Ward:	All wards	
Consultation:	N/A	
Decision made:	To award the contract to 4Recycling Ltd to deliver 30 farm carbon audits in Jan-June 2023 and again in Jan-June 2026 at a cost not exceeding £100,000	
Reasons for decision:	<p>The purpose is to secure 4Recycling Ltd to carry out detailed farm carbon audits of up to 30 Herefordshire farm businesses that will be identified via an EOI process. The Climate and Nature Board land-use and farming sub-group, NFU and Farm Herefordshire will help select the 30.</p> <p>The audits are one of the projects mobilised by the Climate and Nature Board and funded by the Climate Reserve.</p>	
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	RISKS	MITIGATION
	<p>Low uptake of surveys</p> <p>Surveys not acted upon</p>	<p>Working in partnership with NFU, Farm Herefordshire and Rural Hub, We have already received 25 Expressions of Interest from Herefordshire farm businesses</p> <p>A follow up survey in 2026 and ongoing communications with farms between 2023 and 2026 will support action. Assessments will clearly outline the benefits and the business case to enact them.</p>
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	Not to proceed –This is not recommended as Cabinet approved the programme on the 28 April 2022 and the use of reserves on the 29 September 2022.	
Details of any declarations	N/A	

Signed

Date: