

## Record of officer decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	<b>Energy and Resource Efficiency Assessments for Businesses</b>	
<b>Date of decision:</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Corporate Director, Economy and Environment, subject to consultation with relevant Cabinet Members and the s151 officer.	
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	<p>Cabinet decision authorising the officer; Citizens Climate Assembly Next Steps and Recommendations, dated 28 April 2022.</p> <p><a href="https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/documents/s50099972/Citizens%20Climate%20Assembly%20Next%20Steps%20and%20Recommendations.pdf">https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/documents/s50099972/Citizens%20Climate%20Assembly%20Next%20Steps%20and%20Recommendations.pdf</a></p> <p>Cabinet decision approving the movement of reserves, dated 29 September 2022.</p> <p><a href="https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/documents/s50103908/Annual%20review%20of%20earmarked%20reserves.pdf">https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/documents/s50103908/Annual%20review%20of%20earmarked%20reserves.pdf</a></p>	
<b>Ward:</b>	All wards	
<b>Consultation:</b>	N/A	
<b>Decision made:</b>	To award the contract to Severn Wye Energy Agency Ltd to deliver 30 Energy and Resource Assessments for Businesses at a cost not exceeding £40,500	
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	<p>The purpose is to secure Severn Wye Energy Agency to carry out detailed Energy and Resource Efficiency Assessments of up to 30 local businesses that are currently working closely with Herefordshire Council to reduce their carbon emissions. The project '30 for 2030' encourages and mobilises employers and their Colleagues across Herefordshire to plot their journeys to meet the County's net zero carbon ambition by the end of the decade.</p> <p>The audits one of the projects mobilised as a result from the climate assembly will put the spotlight on up to 30 employers, who will open up their organisations to share the actions they take and their achievements along the way to inspire others to do the same.</p>	
<b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b>	<b>RISKS</b>	<b>MITIGATION</b>
	Low uptake of surveys	Strong relationships already built with the participating businesses and a pipeline is ready
	Surveys not acted upon	Assessments will clearly outline the benefits and the business case to enact them.
<b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b>	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.	
<b>Details of any declarations</b>	N/A	

Signed

Date:

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Corporate Director, Economy and Environment

