

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Energy and Resource Efficiency Assessments for Businesses	
Date of decision:	14.03.2023	
Decision maker:	Corporate Director, Economy and Environment.	
Authority for delegated decision:	Cabinet decision authorising the officer; Citizens Climate Assembly Next Steps and Recommendations, dated 28 April 2022. https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/documents/s50099972/Citizens%20Climate%20Assembly%20Next%20Steps%20and%20Recommendations.pdf	
Ward:	All wards	
Consultation:	N/A	
Decision made:	To enact the extension option within the contract awarded to Severn Wye Energy Agency Ltd to deliver a further 30 Energy and Resource Assessments for Businesses at a cost not exceeding £40,500.	
Reasons for decision:	<p>The purpose is to secure Severn Wye Energy Agency to carry out a further 30 detailed Energy and Resource Efficiency Assessments of local businesses that are currently working closely with Herefordshire Council to reduce their carbon emissions. The first 30 audit places were filled very quickly and there are approximately 70 additional businesses that would like an audit. 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 60 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>	
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	RISKS	MITIGATION
	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 outlining the steps to take.
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.	
Details of any declarations	N/A	

Signed

Date:

Ross Cook
Corporate Director, Economy and Environment