

## Herefordshire Council Summary of Welsh Government Funding

### Funding Received To Date:

- A first tranche of £40,000 received in 2022-23.

<b>Activity completed</b>	<b>Claimed</b>
Cabinet Commission Lead Policy Advisor	£7,841
Stakeholder/opportunities to build capacity/peer to peer support network and potential offset mitigations schemes in Powys.	£12,384
A feasibility study to explore the potential for phosphate offset mitigation schemes in the Powys part of the Wye Catchment.	£10,000
Legal opinion - The Wye Nutrient Management Delivery Plan, Board and Water Protection Zones	£9,775
<b>Total</b>	<b>£40,000</b>

- A second tranche of £70,000 received in 2023-24.

### Spend for 2023-24

<b>Activity completed</b>	<b>Claimed</b>
Legal opinion	£2,100
Phase 2 Welsh Capacity Build	£12,720
NMB Secretariat support	£4,000
Delivery Director	£1,096
Technical officer time - Cabinet Commission	£22,052
<b>Total Spent</b>	<b>£41,968</b>
<b>Activity incomplete</b>	<b>Unclaimed</b>
Phase 2 Welsh Capacity Build - incomplete	<b>£11,736</b>

### Future Funding

- An application for further funding of £70,000 was made on 1/4/2024: *To commission a consultant with appropriate local project and administrative support to enable NMB and its SOG to undertake the 2024 refresh of the Nutrient Management Plan.* We are awaiting confirmation of the award from Welsh govt.
- An informal request has been made by Herefordshire Council to Welsh Government for an increase in the funding allocation for this coming year of £11,736 to reflect the underspend last year. Cat Osborne has indicated they would accept this request, HC will therefore follow this up in writing.

### Recommendations for Spend

- Farm Cymru advised at the NMB (10<sup>th</sup> April 2024) they are seeking to put in a further bid for this financial year via Farm Herefordshire.

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- A request was made by SoG (27<sup>th</sup> March 2024) for an allocation of the funding to be utilised to undertake an update of the next iteration of the Nutrient Management Plan.
- A request by Environment Agency at Wye Catchment Partnership (17<sup>th</sup> April) for funding to be allocated to a part time fixed term role to oversee the co-ordination of the development of the Wye Catchment Plan alongside the update to the Nutrient Management Plan.
- A request by Wye Catchment Partnership for further funding of between (£15-34K) to develop the Wye Catchment Plan.

NB It was noted that the Welsh Government funding was raised at the Nutrient Management Board. The minutes from the NMB are reflected below:

*Councillor Maby asked to clarify if this was HC applying for funding to Welsh Government on behalf of the NMB. It was asked if partners could be more engaged in the process on how money is being allocated and spent.*

- a. The Chair confirmed that is correct, however, this is money from Welsh Government to support the establishment of NMBs across Wales and the plan not the support of actions.*