

### Record of operational decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	To approve the appointment of the principle contractor to deliver phase 1 of the Merton Flood Alleviation scheme as defined by the planning approval ref P251273/CD3, <a href="#">Merton FAS planning approval</a>
<b>Date of decision:</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> October 2025
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Corporate Director for Economy and Growth
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	The Cabinet Member for Economy and Growth considered and approved the draw down of the remaining £1.2 million of Brownfield Land Release (BLRF) Grant monies, and delegated to the Corporate Director for Economy and Environment upon grant of planning permission to use the BLRF Grant to procure, appoint, commission the works and any other operational decision required to deliver the Merton Flood Alleviation scheme on the 24 <sup>th</sup> August 2025 <a href="#">Merton FAS contractor appointment</a> .
<b>Ward:</b>	Widemarsh
<b>Consultation:</b>	Consultation has taken place with; property, planning and Finance Services, the Cabinet Member for Growth, the Cabinet Member for Planning and Environment.
<b>Decision made:</b>	Following market engagement via the Procure Partnership Framework, Speller Metcalfe be appointed as principle contractor to deliver phase 1 of the Merton Flood alleviation scheme, to the contract value of £1.2 million pounds.
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	<p>The redevelopment of Merton Meadows area of the city is a major part of the council intervention to deliver affordable and key worker homes. The area is currently categorised as flood zone, previous work and discussions with the Environment Agency (EA) have indicated that they would support redevelopment subject to appropriate flood alleviation works.</p> <p>The council have previously secured £2million of Brownfield Land Release funding from central government to deliver enabling flood alleviation works to enable these sites to be developed. This appointment relates to the delivery of phase one of the Merton flood alleviation scheme and will enable the sites to come forward for development as per the grant funding proposal and approval.</p>
<b>Equality Considerations</b>	It is not considered that there is an impact on equality from the making of this decision.
<b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The level of fees has been determined by market tender</li> </ul>
<b>Details of any alternative options</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Council could choose not to appoint the consultants, but this would have an adverse impact on the delivery of the works and</li> </ul>

<b>considered and rejected:</b>	thus, a breach of the grant funding agreement which would culminate in a requirement to return all unspent grant monies to central government.
<b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b>	If any officers or members involved or consulted in the decision-making have declared an interest, you should include the declaration here.  None declared

Signed..... Date: 06/10/2025

Corporate Director for Economy and Growth