

Record of operational decision

Decision title:	Decision to approve the expenditure of up to £130,000.00 for Solar PV works at Weobley Primary School under the Great British Energy Solar Partnership (GBESP) Scheme
Date of decision:	
Decision maker:	Service Director - Education, Skills and Learning, Children and Young People
Authority for delegated decision:	The decision can be taken under the scheme of delegation as this specific grant funding aligns to Herefordshire Councils pledge to achieve Net Zero by 2030. Getting the council to net zero - Herefordshire Council Children and Families Scheme of Delegation.pdf
Ward:	Weobley
Consultation:	Consultation with the school has been undertaken. The Service Director for Education, Skills and Learning has also been consulted on the grant funding.
Decision made:	To accept grant funding of up to £130,000.00 from the Department for Education (DfE). To enter contract with eEnergy Services UK Ltd to deliver the works through the DfE CCS Framework. To spend up to £130,000.00 of GBESP funding to deliver the Solar PV scheme at Weobley Primary School.
Reasons for decision:	Weobley Primary School was selected as part of 255 schools across the UK to benefit from the Great British Energy Solar Partnership scheme with an aim to reduce energy bills. The delivery of the works will be at no cost to Herefordshire Council and will be fully funded by the GBESP scheme.
Equality Considerations:	Under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the 'general duty' on public authorities is set out as follows: A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to – (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act; (b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it; (c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it. The public sector equality duty (specific duty) requires us to consider how we can positively contribute to the advancement of equality and good relations, and demonstrate that we are paying 'due regard' in our decision making in the design of policies and in the delivery of services. Our providers will be made aware of their contractual requirements in regards to equality legislation. The proposed capital maintenance schemes have given due consideration

	to equality issues particularly in relation to disability.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	There is a risk that costs may increase once works begin. This is however unlikely. The government grant includes a generous contingency to cover any unexpected additional costs. Not delivering the works will result in the school continuing to pay higher energy costs. The scheme is designed to reduce overall energy costs.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	Do nothing. This is not recommended as the Solar PV scheme at Weobley Primary School will not be delivered. By not delivering the works the school will not benefit from lower energy costs. There is also a risk that the school will not be eligible for other future measures through this scheme.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None.

Signed

Date: