

OFFICER DECISION RECORD

Decision Title: Resourcing Regional Engagement on the Environment
Decision reference number: ENV_2023_0002
Decision date: 20 November 2023
<p>Background / reason for decision: Regional engagement on ‘Big Choices on Environment’ is in the design phase, targeting public engagement early in the New Year. Development started in May, and £150k of core funding was earmarked in June by Chief Executive Officers of the Authorities.</p> <p>The draft purpose and objectives for regional engagement were then co-designed with UAs and then the Climate and Nature Action Panel (which the UAs sit on alongside the MCA and other key regional environment stakeholders); with purpose and objectives presented to Committee in October. The reason for this decision is to resource the design of regional engagement.</p>
<p>Options considered: The options of continuing with existing resource or ceasing work on regional engagement has been discounted, on basis these will not achieve our commitments nor meet the urgency required in addressing the our commitments.</p>
<p>Decision: To deploy £150k of core funding has been earmarked from the Green Recovery Fund to resource the design stage of regional engagement on the environment.</p>
<p>Consultation: Officers from across the Combined Authority and West of England Unitary Authorities were consulted on the content of the design phase of regional engagement (following previous consultations included in Background section above).</p>
<p>Officer making decision: Roger Hoare</p> <p>Position: Environment Director, West of England Combined Authority</p>