

CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

Report to: Council

Date of meeting: 13th July 2023

Title: Appointment of Councillor Keith Henson to the Four Rivers for LIFE project

Purpose of the report: To note the appointment

For: Information

**Cabinet Portfolio and Councillor Bryan Davies
Cabinet Member:**

1. Background

On 29 June 2023 a request was received from the 'Four Rivers for LIFE Project' for a representative from Ceredigion County Council to be part of the External Stakeholder Group (ESG) which would meet every 6 months over the next three and a half years. The meetings will be held via Microsoft Teams initially and then shift to be site visits to view and discuss restoration work.

The Four Rivers for LIFE project is a river restoration project to improve the conditions of four major rivers in Wales: Teifi, Cleddau, Tywi and Usk. The rivers are classed as Special Areas of Conservation which means they are of international importance for their wildlife and plants such as Atlantic salmon, lamprey, shad, otter and crowfoot. The project aims to improve a total of 776km of river using long term nature-based solutions to improve the ecological quality of the four rivers such as, improving accessibility for migratory fish, improving habitat, structure and function and improving water quality.

It is proposed that the relevant Cabinet Member will represent Ceredigion County Council as an External Stakeholder on the Four Rivers for LIFE Project; currently Councillor Keith Henson, as Cabinet Member for Highways and Environmental Services and Carbon Management.

Has an Integrated Impact Assessment been completed? Not required
If, not, please state why

Summary:

Wellbeing of Future Generations:

Long term: To ensure representation on behalf of Ceredigion County Council on the Four Rivers for LIFE project

Collaboration: To collaborate with other Council Members, to ensure that Ceredigion as a whole is represented

Involvement: To inform the Project Group, the Council and residents, and to promote activities and events

	Prevention: None Integration: Working with the Four Rivers for LIFE Project to ensure the best outcomes for our residents
Recommendation(s):	For Council to note the appointment of the relevant Cabinet Member as External Stakeholder to the Four Rivers for LIFE Project for a period of 3 and a half years (until end of December 2026), currently Councillor Keith Henson.
Reasons for decision:	To ensure appropriate representation from Ceredigion County Council
Overview and Scrutiny:	N/A
Policy Framework:	N/A
Corporate Well-being Objectives:	Contributes to the following Corporate Priority: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating Sustainable, Green and Well-connected Communities
Finance and Procurement implications:	Reimbursement of travelling expenses
Legal Implications:	None
Staffing implications:	None
Property / asset implications:	None
Risk(s):	None
Statutory Powers:	N/A
Background Papers:	None
Appendices:	None
Corporate Lead Officer:	Lowri Edwards Corporate Lead Officer: Democratic Services (Head of Democratic Services)
Reporting Officer:	Nia Jones Corporate Manager: Democratic Services
Date:	03/07/2023