

Report of Chief Executive

Subject: Procurement of Carbon Base Line Studies of Designated Landscapes

Purpose of Report

To ask Members to approve a revised contract expenditure in relation to commissioning Carbon Audits for the eight Designated Landscapes.

Introduction/Background

In June 2021 the Authority approved the suspension the Contracting Standing Orders 2020 in relation to awarding a contract to Small World Consulting on the commissioning Carbon Audits. Members gave consent for the Authority to manage a project on behalf of the 8 Welsh Designated Landscapes (3 National Park Authorities and 5 Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty) to produce Carbon baseline assessments for each of the Designated Landscapes. The budget for the whole project was £110,000 and the money was secured from the Collaborative element of the Welsh Government's Sustainable Landscapes Sustainable Places grant. However, while the original paper sought consent for a contract with Small World Consulting for £60,000 the actual cost should have been £82,000. The additional funding has been used to access data that was not held at AONB level.

Financial considerations

Funding for this project is secured and by implementing the recommendation there will be no additional costs.

Recommendation

Members agree to increase funding to in relation to commissioning Carbon Audits for the eight Designated Landscapes.

(For further information, please contact Tegryn Jones, Chief Executive or Richard Griffiths, Finance Manager)