

URGENT DECISION BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

This form **MUST** have an accompanying report attached.

Reference Number:	CEX / URGENT / 2020-004
Title of Report	GREEN HOMES GRANT LOCAL AUTHORITY DELIVERY SCHEME
Department	PLACE
Relevant Committee	POLICY COMMITTEE
Date of next Committee Meeting	9 September 2020

Summary of Decision Sought (including reason/s)	<p>£200million government funding has been made available to Local Authorities in England from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) for the Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery Scheme. The funding will deliver home upgrades to low-income, fuel poor households and aims to save these households money, cut carbon emissions and create green jobs. Funding can be used to upscale existing projects.</p> <p>Currently the County Council acts as accountable body for the delivery of the Warm Homes Fund (WHF) in partnership with the energy company E.ON. The WHF project will provide some 550 first time central heating systems for fuel-poor households across the County. The BEIS grant will be a useful addition to this local by funding additional work required but currently ineligible</p> <p>This new funding from BEIS will complement this existing activity by providing additional measures including solid wall insulation, air heat pumps, solar thermal heating, windows and doors, loft and cavity wall insulation. The total bid is £1.27 million covering all aspects of installation and delivery.</p> <p>However, on reviewing the BEIS requirements and after very recent discussions with E.ON, further advice has been sought on the State aid and procurement aspects of the Green Homes Grants scheme in delivery. This advice confirms that the Council would need to establish an appropriate separate mechanism to satisfy all parties that the scheme can be State aid compliant but delivered through the existing partnership. Certain terms and conditions have been agreed in principle with E.ON as outlined in the report. This is deemed sufficient to make the submission to BEIS within the tight timetable but should this prove impossible to secure as a formalised agreement, the bid may be withdrawn to protect the Council – and partners – from any challenge.</p> <p>It is therefore recommended that a bid is submitted to BEIS for the Green Homes Grant, subject to the conditions as referenced.</p>
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Reason/s for urgency	The funding was launched on 4th August 2020 and the deadline for applications is at noon on 1 September 2020, hence the urgency of this report.
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Date request / report received	28/08/2020	Date form originated	28/08/2020
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DETAILS OF CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:

Councillors	Date	Signed	Proposed decision supported? (Yes / No)
Leader & Chair of Policy Committee	28/08/2020	Approved via email	Yes
Leader/s of opposition group/s	28/08/2020	Cllr Rhodes – approved via email	Yes
		Cllr Zadrozny – approved via email	Yes

If consultation has not been undertaken, please give reasons:	
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Approval from Chief Executive (or delegated Corporate Director in Chief Executive's absence)

Signed.......... Date.....1/9/2020.....

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