

# Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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**City Council**

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<b>Subject:</b>	Green Homes Grant - Local Authority Delivery
<b>Total Value:</b>	£250000 (Type: Revenue)
<b>Decision Being Taken:</b>	To approve the acceptance and subsequent spend of a £250,000 grant from the Department for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), to develop a sourcing strategy for phase 2 of the Green Homes Grant - Local Authority Delivery. This will be managed by the Midlands Energy Hub, within Nottingham City Council's Energy Services. BEIS have already funded one post of an existing staff member within Energy Services specifically for this work stream.
<b>Reasons for the Decision(s)</b>	<p>Her Majesty's Treasury via the Department of Business Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) have allocated £500million of the £2billion Green Homes Grant to improve the energy efficiency of low-income households. This will help reduce fuel poverty and support the installation of low carbon heating. £300 million of this will be available in the second phase of the scheme through the five Local Energy Hubs in England who will procure services that support upgrading eligible homes.</p> <p>BEIS are commissioning the Midlands Energy Hub to develop a sourcing strategy for this work. Nottingham City Council's Energy Services are the accountable body for the Midlands Energy Hub.</p> <p>The allocation of the £250k, which is 100% of the funding required, will be via a Section 31 grant and associated MoU. The £250k will allow the sourcing strategy to be completed with the support of the internal NCC team including Energy Services, Procurement and Legal, with funding available for external support if required.</p>
<b>Briefing notes documents:</b>	Confidential Briefing Note.docx
<b>Other Options Considered:</b>	<p>Doing nothing - this would result in a significant missed opportunity to bring financial support into Nottingham and the wider Midlands region to address the fuel poverty and domestic decarbonisation issues.</p> <p>Outsourcing to a third party - not possible within the timeframes and would result in a loss of revenue to Nottingham City Council</p>

<b>Background Papers:</b>	None
<b>Published Works:</b>	None
<b>Affected Wards:</b>	Citywide
<b>Colleague / Councillor Interests:</b>	None.
<b>Consultations:</b>	Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision. There are no Councillor or Colleague interests.
<b>Crime and Disorder Implications:</b>	No implications
<b>Equality:</b>	EIA not required. Reasons: This decision relates to policies developed outside the Council by Central Government.
<b>Decision Type:</b>	Portfolio Holder
<b>Subject to Call In:</b>	Yes
<b>Call In Expiry date:</b>	05/11/2020
<b>Advice Sought:</b>	Legal, Finance, Procurement
<b>Legal Advice:</b>	This delegated decision raises no significant legal issues. It is important to note that the BEIS grant funding is subject to grant conditions, failure to comply with which could result in clawback of some or all of the funding. Advice provided by Sarah O'Bradaigh (senior solicitor) on 16/10/2020.

**Finance Advice:**

**This decision seeks to accept £0.250m external grant funding from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) to develop the sourcing strategy for the GHG scheme which aims to improve the energy efficiency of the worst-quality homes in England, aligning with the Council's aims in reducing fuel poverty.**

**The grant is subject to an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that lays out the agreement between BEIS and the Council (as the accountable body) regarding eligible costs in order to develop the sourcing strategy only.**

**Energy Services will need to create internal procedures to administer, monitor and report on the sourcing strategy, and keep appropriate records for the specified length of time as per the MoU, in order to minimise grant clawback. Any grant underspend will need to be reported to BEIS in order to agree how to spend any unspent grant funding, otherwise unspent grant will need to be repaid.**

**Advice provided by Tania Clayton Perez (Commercial Business Partner) on 20/10/2020.**

**Procurement Advice:**

**In that the immediate approval relates to accepting grant funding, there are no procurement concerns with the decision being sought. Procurement are involved in discussions with the client team, and will ensure that any external support required to developing the strategy is procured in accordance with Contract Procedure Rules. Advice provided by Jonathan Whitmarsh (Lead Procurement Officer) on 09/10/2020.**

**Signatures**

**Sally Longford (PH for Energy, Environment and Democratic Services)**

**SIGNED and Dated: 29/10/2020**

**Andrew Errington (Strategic Director, Community Protection)**

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