

Operational Decision Record

Publication Date 21/06/2022	Decision Reference Number 4655
Decision Title	
Approval to use consultants for Midlands Energy Hub and Rural Community Energy Fund External evaluations	
Decision Value	
£130,000	
Revenue or Capital Spend?	
Revenue	
Department	
Carbon Reduction Energy and Sustainability	
Contact Officer (Name, job title, and contact details)	
Michael Gallagher – Head of Midlands Net Zero Hub (previously Midlands Energy Hub) – 078964 969755 michael.gallagher@nottinghamcity.gov.uk	
Decision Taken	
<p>To delegate authority to the Head of the Midlands Net Zero Hub (formerly Midlands Energy Hub) in consultation with the Director of Carbon Reduction, Energy and Sustainability to utilise grant funding allocated from BEIS to:</p> <p>1) Procure an external evaluation on the Midlands Energy Hub, costing £100k, to understand the impact of the Hub on Regional Decarbonisation;</p> <p>2) Procure an external evaluation on the Rural Community Energy Fund, costing £30k, to understand the impact on Community Energy.</p>	
Reasons for Decision and Background Information	
<p>BEIS have provided Midlands Energy Hub, as part of the Midlands Energy Hub core budget, grant funding to:</p> <p>1) Conduct an external evaluation of the Midlands Energy Hub (Budget set at £100k) Underspend to be re-allocated to the RCEF Evaluation.</p> <p>2) Conduct an external evaluation of the Rural Community Energy Fund (Budget set at £30k, but can be increased if underspend on Hub evaluation)</p>	
Other Options Considered and why these were rejected	
It is a requirement of the BEIS funding as they are evaluation exercises requiring an independent organisation, therefore external support is needed. No other options are viable.	

Reasons why this decision is classified as operational

This is to evaluate the operation and impact of the Hub's activities.

Additional Information

You should consider:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• obtaining and recording advice if necessary from legal, finance or other colleagues• informing relevant ward councillors if a decision particularly affects their ward• whether an EIA, DPIA, Carbon Impact assessment or consultation exercise is required for this decision• for capital spend, confirmation that the decision has been through the appropriate capital approval processes• referring to any related previous decisions• risks of the decision and any mitigation of those risks• if the decision is approving capital spend, please include confirmation that the Chief Finance Officer has agreed to it. |
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Decision Maker (Name and Job Title) Sajeeda Rose, Corporate Director Growth & City Development



Scheme of Delegation Reference Number
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Date Decision Taken 20/4/22
