

# Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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**City Council**

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**Subject:**

Approval to re-allocate £335,000 Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery Phase 2 Grant Funding (LAD2).

**Total Value:**

£335,000 (Type: Capital)

**Decision Being Taken:**

To re-allocate £335,000 Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery Phase 2 Grant Funding (LAD2), originally intended for social housing to private properties.

**Reasons for the Decision(s)**

The primary driver for the Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery Scheme (GHGLAD) is to tackle Fuel Poverty. The project is aimed at citizens on the lowest incomes, to help improve energy efficiency in the coldest and most vulnerable homes. Increasing renewable energy output supports our aspirations to be Carbon Neutral by 2028. The Department of Business, Energy and Strategy (BEIS), via

the Midlands Net Zero Hub (MNZH), previously approved £335,000 from The Local Authority Delivery Scheme Phase 2 (LAD2) funding; to deliver upgraded energy efficiency measures capped as per the grant rules for social housing at £5k per home, for 67 council-owned properties as part of a 5-year capital programme..

These upgrades were intended to be delivered by Nottingham City Homes (NCH), however due to capacity issues NCH was unable to progress and alternative funding was utilised to carry out the energy efficiency measures for the social housing homes.

Therefore, we propose re-profiling this portion of the LAD2 grant and allocating it to private properties previously rejected for solar PV (due to requiring new roofs, which the grant does not cover). These properties have been assessed and are eligible for Fabric First (FF) energy efficiency measures, i.e. internal, cavity wall or loft insulation.

We also propose increasing the original social housing grant cap of £5k per home to £10k per property in line with LAD funding terms for private homes. Therefore, 34 homeowners on low incomes residing in hard to heat homes will potentially benefit from Insulation measures that will aid heat retention and support the 2018-2025 Fuel Poverty Strategy to help reduce bills.

The £335,000 is entirely grant funded. All ongoing maintenance costs following the works will be payable by the property owner.

The original deadline for delivery of the upgrades was the end of June 2022, this has been extended to completion before end August 2022 and an exemption from contract procedure rules has been approved in line with article 18.79 of the constitution to allow the award of contract.

There is some urgency around getting an approval in place to enable us to instruct the contractor to commence work ASAP..

**Briefing notes documents:**

**Not for publication**

**Other Options Considered:**

The alternative option is not to spend and for £335k grant funding to be returned to the MNZH. This would result in the funding being lost which is not an acceptable option.

**Background Papers:**

**Published Works:**

**Executive Board report and minutes - 20 April 2021**

**Affected Wards:**

**Citywide**

**Colleague / Councillor Interests:**

**Consultations:**

**Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.**

**Crime and Disorder Implications:**

**None.**

**Equality:**

**EIA not required. Reasons: This was covered in the original Executive Board decision,**

**Social Value Considerations:**

**Covered previously, this decision is just to reallocate grant funding already received from BEIS.**

**Decision Type:**

**Portfolio Holder**

**Subject to Call In:**

**No**  
**The call-in procedure does not apply to the proposed decision because the delay likely to be caused by the call in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interests. The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (or Vice-Chair) in his/her absence has been consulted and agreed both that the decision proposed is reasonable in all circumstances and that it should be treated as a matter of urgency.**

**Person Consulted: Cllr Sam Gardiner**

**Consultation Date: 24/06/2022**

**The impact of potentially having to wait another week before contractors can start on site is that that the programme of work will be compromised affecting delivery to the August 22 deadline enforced by BEIS.**

**Advice Sought:**

**Legal, Finance, Procurement**

**Legal Advice:** Subject to the funding conditions permitting such a re-allocation of the budget and ability to use against the proposed project there are no legal issues arising from this decision. The award of the contract has been agreed via an exemption from the Council's Contract Procedure Rules for the reasons set out in the exemption form, which does not create any breach of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and is deemed to deliver Best Value.

Advice provided by Naomi Vass (Senior Solicitor) on 24/06/2022.

**Finance Advice:** Subject to the grant funder confirming the grant can be reallocated from the HRA Capital Programme the General Fund Capital Programme will be updated accordingly. As this decision doesn't affect the totality of the Capital Programme it doesn't require endorsement from the Capital Board.

The project manager is required to ensure that the grant conditions are complied with and that the project is actively managed to ensure that project expenditure doesn't exceed the awarded grant, as this would be a pressure for the Council.

Advice provided by Tom Straw (Senior Accountant - Capital Programmes) on 29/06/2022.

**Procurement Advice:** As this approval relates solely to reallocation of funding, there are no procurement implications to the decision being sought. Advice provided by Jonathan Whitmarsh (Lead Procurement Officer) on 28/06/2022.

**Signatures**

Sally Longford (PH for Energy, Environment and Waste Services)
SIGNED and Dated: 06/07/2022
Sajeeda Rose (Corporate Director of Growth & City Development)
SIGNED and Dated: 06/07/2022