

Operational Decision Record

Publication Date 27 February 2024	Decision Reference Number 5096
Decision Title	
Acceptance of additional funding from DESNZ to continue delivering training schemes for scheme Heat Training Grant for Heat Pumps MNZH	
Decision Value	
£200,000.00	
Revenue or Capital Spend?	
Capital spend – grant funding	
Spend Control Approval	
Has the spend been approved by Spend Control Board? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> n/a Spend Control Board approval reference number: 6390	
Department	
Midlands Net Zero Hub (Environment and Sustainability), receiving from Department for Energy Security and Net Zero	
Contact Officer (Name, job title, and contact details)	
Jorge Santana, Low Carbon Energy Projects Manager, jorge.santana@nottinghamcity.gov.uk (07815 025579)	
Decision Taken	
To accept £200,000.00 in grant funding from The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ), for the Heat Training Grant: Heat Networks Competition, and to delegate authority to the Head of the Midlands Net Zero Hub in consultation to the Directorate to uplift of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)/ contract to add services around the creation of Heat Network operation and maintenance videos to upskill and reskill people in heat networks certifications. The decision would assign £164,000.00 for the video creation, training provider contribution and dissemination of the videos and would include the remaining £36,000.00 as the Management fee for Nottingham City Council to cover staff, MNZH staff and legal fees.	
Reasons for Decision and Background Information	
As an extension to the DDM 4908, The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) has approved the invoicing of additional funding for £200,000.00 for the continuation of the successful delivery of the Heat Training Grant: Heat	

Networks Competition. DESNZ is committed to delivering support nationally to provide stimuli to Training Providers to reach UKs 2050 Net Zero target ambitions. MNZH is well placed to continue the delivery and monitoring of the scheme, this will generate revenue, through the agreed DDM and MoU signed between the parties and the continuation of the consolidation of jobs in Nottingham.

The purpose of the intended videos will be hosted on a variety of services, a review of these for suitability will be done. The series can be brought together into a landing page on gov.uk (like the HNOO videos) and/or on the Heat NIC website. Due to the nature of the intended audience, an associated comms/engagement campaign, run by the MNZH (and provided supported by DESNZ) will ensure they reach the desired audience.

Other Options Considered and why these were rejected

Not to accept this grant it would represent a loss in revenue and the successful continuation of the delivery the Midlands Net Zero Hub has proven for the scheme. This additional funding is a reflect of the appetite from particulars and industry to contribute decarbonisation by upskilling people in heat pump training certification.

Reasons why this decision is classified as operational

The decision is not considered as operational but would help the continuation of the success of the scheme and proven progress MNZH has made on these efforts. The current scheme has had advice from legal and finance colleagues for the inception of the scheme.

Additional Information

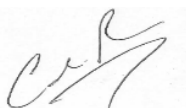
- **It is recommended that you seek and include finance advice where your decision has financial implications.**

You should also consider:

- 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.

Decision Maker (Name and Job Title)

Colin J. Parr, Corporate Director Communities Environment and Resident Services



Scheme of Delegation Reference Number
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extension to the DDM 4908

Date Decision Taken

06/02/24
