

Additional wording that exceeded the word limit:

- 1) To accept and spend grant funding totalling £1,770,000 from Department for Energy Security & Net Zero (DESNZ) to deliver the Third Variation to the Local Net Zero Hub Programme Memorandum of Understanding Annex B ('The Third Variation') as specified in DESNZ LOCAL NET ZERO CAPACITY SUPPORT SECTION 31 GRANT DETERMINATION (2024/25: No. XXXX ).
2. To delegate authority to the Head of Midlands Net Zero Hub, in consultation with the Director of Environment and Sustainability to:
  - a. sign and return to (DESNZ) a copy of the MoU, the Section 31 grant determination notice, grant claim form Section 151 officer declaration.
  - b. spend the core and additional funding (subject to prior s151 officer/SCB approval) in-line with the Local Net Zero Programme MOU Annex B GRANT DETERMINATION (2024/25: No. XXXX) , including on the matters specified in ( c) – ( e) below:
  - c. procure, tender award and enter into contracts for appropriate specialist consultancy services, as guided by the Midlands Net Zero Hub Board to deliver on the MoU objectives.
  - d. award grants to third party partners and enter grant agreements, to fund procurement of specialist consultants, as guided by the Midlands Net Zero Hub Board to deliver MoU objectives; and
  - e. establish the position of a Heat Network Zoning Officer on 2 year fixed term contract (H or I grade) and continuation of existing PSDS roles for an additional 2 years, noting recruitment to the roles is a non-executive function.