

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Relocation and remedial activation of photovoltaic Feed in Tariff meters
Total Value:	£202,050 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	To utilise £202,050 funding from the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) for the relocation and remedial activation of photovoltaic Feed in Tariff (FiT) meters.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	Currently, 1,050 FiT meters are unable to communicate with the energy provider's software, and 1,800 are located in breach of OfGEM's regulation regarding accessible location. This means that the HRA is unable to receive payment for the energy that is being generated. NCH undertaking these works will allow FiT payment to be received and the scheme to operate as intended.
Other Options Considered:	Do Nothing: Rejected - Without action, no claim can be made for the electricity generated and therefore the payback aspect of the installation is null. Do not relocate meters: Rejected - The location of the meters is immaterial to their ability to record the FiT, however OfGEM require FiT meters to be in accessible locations for health and safety reasons and this is a condition of continued involvement in the scheme.
Background Papers:	None.
Unpublished background papers:	Briefing and Background FiT Meters.docx
Published Works:	None.

Affected Wards: Citywide

Colleague / Councillor Interests: None.

Consultations: Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

Crime and Disorder Implications: N/A

Equality: EIA not required. Reasons: The decision does not impact on any specific group or protected characteristic. Also, the decision relates to remedial intervention to a scheme covered by a prior decision.

Decision Type: Portfolio Holder

Subject to Call In: Yes

Call In Expiry date: 21/03/2017

Advice Sought: Legal, Finance

Legal Advice: This report raises no significant legal issues.
Advice provided by Andrew James (Team Leader Contracts and Commercial) on 21/02/2017.

Finance Advice:

The PV cells located on council owned houses generate income for the council via the Feed in Tariff (FiT) and at present the full amount of FiT cannot be claimed until the works described in the report are completed. The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) includes a budget of £1.4m in 2016-17 for FiT, and if these works are not completed this will result in the income not being received and create a shortfall which would require cost savings to be achieved.

There are two issues that need to be addressed, firstly where meters have to be moved from the loft to an accessible location there is a cost of £141 per unit (1,050 units x £141 = £148,050). Secondly due to a transfer of supplier the SIM cards in the meters need to be replaced at a cost of £30 per unit (1,800 units x £30 = £54,000).

The costs are as follows:

Ekkosense SIM card transfers	£54,000
Meter relocations (Lofts)	£148,050
Total	£202,050

The cost of £202,050 can be met from a provision within the 2016-17 budget for the Housing Revenue Account. This will allow the FiT to be collected for all the properties with PV cells and ensure the annual income of £1.4m is received.

Advice provided by Julie Dorrington (Senior Accountant (Housing Revenue Account)) on 24/02/2017.

Signatures

Jane Urquhart (Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing)
SIGNED and Dated: 13/03/2017
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SIGNED and Dated: 13/03/2017