

REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER URGENCY PROCEDURES

SUBJECT: Green Homes Local Authority Delivery grant funding

BRIEF STATEMENT OF SUBJECT MATTER:

In August 2020, government launched a Green Homes Grant scheme to upgrade homes across England. Worcestershire authorities agreed to bid jointly, led by Wychavon DC, to maximise their capacity to bid and deliver within the timescales required (delivery completion deadline of March 31st 2021). The bid was successful and awarded £1,905,000 for delivery of projects across Worcestershire. Redditch Borough Council's element of the bid has been allocated £300,000 for external wall insulation to non-traditional construction property types - British Iron and Steel Federation (BISF) system built and Hawksley BL8 Aluminium Bungalows, plus a share of £79,150 towards Ancillary and Contingency works and £9,000 for administration and publicity costs.

DECISION:

That it is resolved that:

- 1) the Capital Budget be increased by £150,000 in the first instance to receive the first payment of capital funding and up to a total possible grant of £379,150 as it becomes available;
- 2) the Revenue Budget be increased by £5,500 in the first instance to receive the first payment of revenue funding and up to the total grant of £9,000 as it becomes available; and
- 3) Delegated authority is granted to the Head of Community & Housing Services following consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Climate Change and Housing, to administer delivery of the funding in line with the grant conditions.

(Council decision)

GROUNDINGS FOR URGENCY:

Due to the timescales imposed by BEIS, in order to commence property surveys and works as soon as possible, there is insufficient time for this decision to be taken through the usual democratic process of approval. A report will be added to the Forward Plan, regarding delivery of any further Green Homes funding.

DECISION APPROVED BY:

(Deputy) CHIEF EXECUTIVE

SECTION 151 OFFICER
(if financial implications)

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(Signature) (Sue Hanley / Kevin Dicks - (D)CX)

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(Signature) (Chris Forrester)

Date: November 2020

PROPOSED ACTION SUPPORTED *(amend as appropriate)*

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MAYOR *	PF HOLDER**	LEADER of the LABOUR Group	LEADER / LDR CONSERVATIVE Group	CHAIR O&S Committee
Date:	Date:	Date:	Date:	Date:

Notes:

* In addition to the Executive decision above regarding the matter under consideration, the Mayor is signing to agree both that the Executive decision proposed is reasonable in all the circumstances and to it being treated as a matter of urgency. This is to ensure that the call-in procedures as set out in Part 8 of the Constitution shall not apply where an Executive decision being taken is urgent.

**As the decision relates to both areas within the remit of the Portfolio holder for Climate change and the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Procurement both Portfolio Holders are being consulted in respect of this urgent decision.