



Officer Decision Record

1. Subject and details of the matter (to include reasons for the decision)

The ODR is further to Cabinet approval on 7th April 2021 to accept funding from Midlands Energy Hub (MEH) of £850,000. Cabinet approval was to utilise the funding to improve energy efficiency in approximately 63 homes, for those residents, who currently live-in fuel poverty or experience lower household incomes. The Improvement works to the properties may include external wall insulation, loft insulation, replacement external doors and windows. The proposal now is to extend the measures to include cavity wall insulation, replacement electric heaters and room in roof insulation.

Extending the measures on offer will ensure that there is flexibility within the scheme to fulfil the grant conditions and will also result in a larger number of homes to benefit from the grant funding.

Qualifying owner occupiers can receive up to £10,000 in grant funding. Landlords must contribute 1/3 to the cost of upgrades, with the average subsidy cost not to exceed £5,000 per property. Landlords and Owner Occupiers can access energy repayment loans through the Council, to help fund any shortfall. The scheme can be targeted at landlords to improve the energy efficiency of their homes and achieve future legislative minimum energy efficiency standards.

The scheme will be delivered by NELC regeneration partner ENGIE.

To receive the funding, the offer letter from MEH needs to be signed with copy of NELC bank details on letter headed paper by the 22nd April.

2. Is it a Key Decision as defined in the Constitution?

Yes

3. Details of Decision

- Accept funding from Midlands Energy Hub (MEH) of £850,000 as approved by Cabinet on 7th April 2021.
- Approve the signing of the acceptance by 22nd April
- Acceptance of all grant funding terms and conditions.
- Approve the proposal to extend the measures to include cavity wall insulation, replacement electric heaters and room in roof insulation.

4. Is it an Urgent Decision? If yes, specify the reasons for urgency Urgent decisions will require sign off by the relevant scrutiny chair(s) as not subject to call in.

This is an urgent decision as an extension to the acceptance date has already been agreed by the funders to 22nd April.

5. Anticipated outcome(s)

To approve the details of the decision

6. Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer when making the decision

Do nothing – To do nothing would mean that the Council will depend on existing funded schemes, which do not include external wall insulation and is very limited.

Use North East Lincolnshire Council Capital Funding - NELC could use capital funding to support regeneration and provide a 'whole house' approach to delivering energy efficiency

7. Background documents considered

Midland Energy Hub Green Homes Grant Local Authority Phase 2 guidance.

8. Does the taking of the decision include consideration of Exempt information? If yes, specify the relevant paragraph of Schedule 12A and the reasons

No

9. Details of any conflict of interest declared by any Cabinet Member who was consulted by the officer which relates to the decision (in respect of any declared conflict of interest, please provide a note of dispensation granted by the Council's Chief Executive)

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10. Monitoring Officer Comments (Monitoring Officer or Deputy Monitoring Officer)

The decision is consistent with the Cabinet decision dated 7th April 2021. Legal colleagues will advise and support on the terms and conditions and the provision of requisite legal documentation.

11. Section 151 Officer Comments (Deputy S151 Officer or nominee)

The acceptance of the grant funding will enable additional investment in area properties to become more energy efficient and ensure greater landlord compliance with future legislative minimum energy efficiency standards.

12. Human Resource Comments (Strategic Workforce Lead or nominee)

There are no direct HR implications

13. Risk Assessment (in accordance with the Report Writing Guide)

Insufficient households sign up to the scheme – Extending the measures offered will provide flexibility to ensure sufficient homes sign up to the scheme.

Unable to meet deadlines of the project – monthly reporting and communication with MEH will ensure this risk is mitigated.

14. Decision Maker(s):

Name: Mark Nearney

Title: Assistant Director of Housing,
Highways and Planning

Signed: REDACTED

Dated: 21st April 2021

**15. Consultation carried out with
Portfolio Holder(s):**

Name: Councillor Philip Jackson

Title: Leader of the Council

Signed: REDACTED

Dated: 21.4.2020

**16. If the decision is urgent then
consultation should be carried out
with the relevant Scrutiny
Chair/Mayor/Deputy Mayor**

Name: N/A

Title: N/A

Signed: N/A

Dated: N/A