

Record of Urgent Executive Decision(s)

1. Subject of decision

Warm Homes Local Grant (WHLG) procurement and appointment of delivery partner

2. Name and Title of Decision Maker

Peter Mennell, Director of Housing and Property Services

3. Details of any Conflict of Interest and any Dispensation granted in respect of such Interest

NA

4. Executive summary (To be taken from written report)

On the 29 November 2024, the Authority submitted an Expression of Interest to the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) for the allocation of funding from the Warm Homes Local Grant Scheme (WHLG). The funding will provide energy performance upgrades and low carbon heating for low-income households living in the worst quality, privately owned homes in the Borough.

On the 28 February 2025 the Authority received notification that an award of £4,281,163 over the next three years (2025-2028) had been secured subject to the Authority entering a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the DESNZ.

At a meeting on the 17 March 2025 Cabinet gave approval to enter such an MOU and this was completed and returned to DESNZ before the 31 March 2025 deadline.

In addition, Cabinet authorised the Director of Housing and Property Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing, Director of Resources and the Head of Law to proceed with the appointment of a contractor utilising the provisions of an appropriate UK Public Sector Procurement Regulations (formerly Official Journal of the European Union) compliant framework.

This report deals with the procurement and appointment of a delivery partner to deliver the qualifying energy efficiency measures and the entering into a Grant Funding Agreement with E.ON Energy Solutions.

An existing compliant procurement framework has been utilised to appoint E.ON Energy Solutions as an appropriate delivery partner.

Negotiations for a Grant Agreement with Eon Energy Solutions have now been concluded to the satisfaction of all parties.

5. Alternative Options considered

Director of Housing and Property Services may not approve the recommendations.

6. Decision(s)

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That the Director of Housing and Property Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing, Director of Resources and the Head of Law enter into the Grant Funding Agreement with E.ON Energy Solutions.

7. Reasons for the Decision(s)

By appointing an appropriate contractor, the Authority can fulfil its requirements under the Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) for the installation of 300 energy efficiency measures in the homes of low income and vulnerable households in the borough.

8. Date Decision Made

14 May 2025

9. Is this decision subject to call-in and if so expiry date of call-in period

5pm on 23 May 2025

10. Date of Publication

16 May 2025

11. Implementation Date (if decision not called in)

27 May 2025