

Record of Officer Delegated Decision(s)

1. Subject of decision

Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund (SHDF) – Funding Bid – Grant acceptance Request

2. Name and Title of Decision Maker

Peter Mennell – Director of Housing & Property Services

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

None

4. Executive summary (taken from written report)

On 21 September 2022, the Investment Programme Board approved the Director of Housing and Property Services submitting a bid for £1.2 million 'matched funding' to the social housing decarbonisation fund (Wave 2) (SHDF). This is a government initiative to support the social housing sector and provide the Authority with a 50% contribution towards energy installations that improve the energy efficiency of homes in the borough.

On 20 March 2023, the Authority was notified that its application was successful and has secured an award of £1,211,508.79 to deliver improvements such as Solar PV installations and Internal/External wall insulation to Authority owned housing stock across the borough. The award of grant was conditional on the Authority meeting a deadline of the 24 April 2023 to submit the award documentation to the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS). An extension to this has been requested with BEIS to allow time for the Authority's approval process to be completed however, a response to this request is still awaited.

This report requests that the Director of Housing & Property Services enter into a Grant Funding Agreement (GFA) and Grant Letter Offer (GLO) on behalf of the Authority, to accept the grant award of £1.2m

5. Alternative Options considered

The Director may not approve the grant acceptance and the Authority will be unable to accept the award from SHDF to deliver energy efficiency measures to assist households in fuel poverty and contribute towards the Authorities commitment to reduce carbon emissions in the Borough.

6. Decision(s)

The Director has approved the request to accept the funding.

7. Reasons for the Decision(s)

*The decision has been granted so that the Authority can meet the acceptance deadline set by BEIS, the funding will contribute towards the Authorities commitment to reduce carbon emissions in the Borough.

8. Date Decision Made

21 April 2023

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

*see below

10. Date of Publication

21 April 2023

11. Implementation Date (if decision not called in)

21 April 2023

*Note – this decision is not for Call-In, as agreed by the Chair of Council, the Authority's Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officer, due to the following reason(s):

The Authority will be unable to accept the award of grant by the conditional deadline of 24 April 2023 from the SHDF to deliver energy efficiency measures to assist households in fuel poverty and contribute towards the Authorities commitment to reduce carbon emissions in the Borough.