

## Record of Urgent Executive Decision(s)

### 1. Subject of decision

Green Homes Grant: Local Authority Delivery (LAD1b) Funding Bid – grant acceptance and appointment of delivery partner

### 2. Name and Title of Decision Maker

Elected Mayor

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

None

### 4. Executive summary

On the 3 December 2020 Investment Programme Board requested that the Heads of Regeneration and Economic Development and Environment, Housing and Leisure submit a bid for £3.2 million to The Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) to support the installation of qualifying measures to improve the energy efficiency of homes in North Tyneside, reduce carbon emissions and support the Authority's Climate Emergency response.

On 27 January 2021 the Authority was notified that this bid had been successful and an award of £3.2 million will be made. Conditions relating to grant award were subsequently received on 3 February 2021. The award of grant is conditional on the Authority meeting a very challenging deadline and entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with BEIS and returning associated appendices before the 26 February 2021.

The Authority does not currently have a delivery partner or established framework in place to deliver qualifying energy efficiency measures. In accordance with Contract Standing Orders a waiver has been sought to appoint an appropriate contractor to complete the necessary works and support the Authority in delivering this programme.

This report requests that delegated authority be provided to the Head of Environment, Housing and Leisure to sign the MOU on behalf of the Authority to accept the grant award of £3.2 million and for approval to proceed with the appointment of a contractor as the value of the programme of works will exceed £500,000.

## 5. Alternative Options considered

The Elected Mayor may not approve the recommendations, refuse the award of grant and the appointment of Eon Energy Solutions.

## 6. Decision(s)

The Elected Mayor approved the recommendations set out in paragraph 1.2 of the report to enter into an MOU to accept the grant award of £3.2million and provide authority to appoint Eon Energy Solutions as the delivery partner for this programme

## 7. Reasons for the Decision(s)

By accepting the grant and appointing an appropriate contractor, the Authority can progress towards its declared Climate Emergency, carbon reduction targets. In addition, at least 396 low income and vulnerable households will be assisted in improving the energy efficiency of their homes.

## 8. Date Decision Made

23 February 2021

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

\*no – please see below

## 10. Date of Publication

24 February 2021

## 11. Implementation Date

23 February 2021

\*Note – this is an Urgent Decision, as agreed by the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and not subject to call-in, as agreed by the Chair of Council.

The reason for urgency is as follows:

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 Investment Programme Board authorised submission of a bid for £3.2 million to The Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) to support the installation of qualifying measures to improve the energy efficiency of homes in North Tyneside, reduce carbon emissions and support the Councils Climate Emergency response.

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In order to meet this deadline a meeting of Investment Programme Board on the 17<sup>th</sup> February approved the submission of an urgent decision request.