

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

CABINET

GREEN HOMES GRANT SCHEMES: ENERGY EFFICIENCY

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To provide an update on funding and key benefits of the Green Homes Grant Schemes delivered across North Lincolnshire.
- 1.2 To confirm continuation of Green Homes Grant funding and energy efficiency support for our residents.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 North Lincolnshire Council has attracted over £4.6m in government funding from the Green Homes Grant (GHG). To date 236 homes have benefited from energy efficiency schemes funded by the GHG.
- 2.2 Funded through a government Green Homes Grant (GHG) totalling £822,950, the latest scheme is The Local Authority Delivery Phase 2 (LAD2) which commenced in April 2022 and closed in November 2022. The Council's successful delivery of LAD2 follows our previous energy efficiency schemes via the LAD1a&b grants.
- 2.3 The LAD2 scheme focused on improving energy efficiency for low income households, targeted at homes within the lowest efficiency bands (E,F & G bands). To qualify, the householder needed to have a gross income of less than £30,000 or be in receipt of means tested benefits.
- 2.4 Energy efficiency support is currently being delivered across North Lincolnshire by LAD3 and Home Upgrade Grant (HUG1). HUG1 has different funding criteria, targeting "off mains gas" properties. The overall funding for LAD3 and HUG1 is £1,826,000.00.
- 2.5 NLC have successfully secured HUG2 funding from April 2023 to March 2025. This will be a funding provision of approx. £2 million, to provide further investment into the Councils #OneGreen Future via Aim 4, supporting Green Homes and energy efficiency across North Lincolnshire for the sustainable future of our residents.
- 2.6 Appendix one contains examples of residents' feedback on the impact from the work undertaken as part of the LAD2 scheme.

2.7 These energy efficiency grants are additional to government support for help with energy bills. North Lincolnshire expect nearly £1million to be shared across 2,500 households through £400 cash payments. People who will be able to receive the cash include care home residents and others in care facilities/sheltered housing, park home residents, houseboats, and caravans.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 The report is for information only.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 Not Applicable

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)

5.1 All the capital funding is provided from central government, and we are not required to match fund.

5.2 The administration of the schemes, including procurement etc, is managed internally via existing resources, together with funding from the administration and ancillary budget (which is part of the GHG funding model).

6. OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS (e.g. CRIME AND DISORDER, EQUALITIES, COUNCIL PLAN, ENVIRONMENTAL, RISK etc.)

6.1 This work provides significant investment to the residents of North Lincolnshire, positively impacting on the Council Plan priorities, Housing Strategy and Our Green Future Plan.

7. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

7.1 An integrated impact assessment has been completed and the outcomes identified are positive in relation to individuals/community and area/place.

8. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

8.1 Not Applicable

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 That the Cabinet notes the contents of the report.

9.2 That Cabinet receive a further report on progress and outcomes on LAD 3 / HUG 1 & 2 in March 2024.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report - Nil

Appendix One – Customer Feedback: LAD2 Scheme

Retired blacksmith Peter recently had new solar panels installed onto his home.

“My wife and I found the scheme advertised in the newspaper, so we thought we’d give them a call. It was ideal as we had just moved in.”

“I spoke to a chap in your customer facing team and I had no problems at all, he was really helpful. The installers were excellent, a great team and they got everything done quickly. They were good in every respect.”

“The panels have been there since we moved in, and I’m really happy with how it looks. It’s very different to our old property. I would recommend YES for anything like this, I can’t complain at all.”

Retired householder Terence recently had solar panels installed into his home.

“My wife and I have been here since 1992 and had solar panels installed in the summer. We haven’t purchased solar panels because of the cost and our age, so it has been a win-win situation for us.”

“A friend of ours told us about the scheme, so we contacted the council to ask how to get involved and they sent us to YES.”

“Since installation, we’re much more aware of the energy we use and how it is used. I use an app on my tablet which shows me which devices use what energy. I am much more aware of costs now, and with the energy prices rising it’s going to be handy to know.

“I’m happy with the way my solar panels look and so is my sister who also had hers done through YES.”

“My experience with the customer call team was great, I phoned up and got an answer straight away. I was satisfied with everything. The installer team were also fantastic, they came and informed me of what they were doing and quickly got on with everything. My customer experience was really satisfactory.”

Aarti, who lives at home with her husband and children, had external wall insulation installed.

“We’ve lived here since May 2021. It meant a lot to us to have this done as it’s a family home.”

“We never expected it to go as smoothly as it has. We got a letter from the council about the scheme saying we’d need to pay a third of the price, but when they found out our income they said they could do it completely free.”

“Before the installation it was nowhere near as warm. As a family we’re used a hotter climate, and I was always worried about keeping my son warm. We were always cuddling up and wrapping up in blankets.”

“It’s much cosier now, we don’t often switch on the heating. Our quality of life has definitely improved. We’re dead pleased. With the energy prices rising it’s been a blessing in disguise, we feel really lucky. We only turn the heating on now if it’s frosty, and it really does save on our bills, we don’t spend as much on gas. Our conservatory used to be freezing cold, but now that’s been insulated as well we can use that in the winter.

“I’m really pleased with the overall look and the colour of the insulation.”