


**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL  
OFFICER DECISION NOTICE AND RECORD  
(PUBLISHED)**

**1. DECISION TAKEN**

To sign the Memorandum of Understanding to draw down Green Homes Grant funding LAD 1B

<b>EXECUTIVE</b>	✓	<b>NON-EXECUTIVE</b>		(Please tick either)	
<b>IS THIS A 'KEY DECISION' ? (see definition overleaf)</b>				Yes	No ✓
<b>DOES THIS DECISION RELATE TO EXEMPT INFORMATION?</b>				Yes	No ✓
<b>EXEMPT PARAGRAPH REFERENCE (NOT TO BE PUBLISHED)</b>					

<b>2. OFFICER DECISION TAKER</b>	<p><b>NAME</b> Simon Green</p> <p><b>POSITION</b> Deputy Chief Executive &amp; Executive Director Commercial</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p><b>SIGNATURE</b></p> <p><b>DATE</b> 23/02/2021</p>
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<b>3. REASONS FOR THE DECISION (Please ref to any report/minute/background documents attached)</b>	<p>Green Homes Grant (Local Authority Delivered) funding has been awarded to deliver external wall cladding to 100 properties. This will make an annual average saving per household on heating costs of approximately £225 and save 930KG CO2 each year (for a semi-detached property).</p> <p>The total funding pot that North Lincolnshire will receive is £1,0666,400.</p> <p>The funding will cover the full cost of the installation for owner-occupiers if they meet the qualifying criteria.</p> <p>We already have 40 households on a waiting list for external wall insulation after closing applications to GHG LAD 1A funding.</p>
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<b>4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED (BY DECISION TAKER(S))</b>	<p>The only other option available would be to refuse the grant offer.</p>
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*TO BE COMPLETED BELOW - ONLY WHEN A DELEGATED OFFICER DECISION REQUIRES PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH A MEMBER (LEADER OF THE COUNCIL, CABINET MEMBER/CHAIRMAN OF A COMMITTEE) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 'SCHEME OF DELEGATIONS TO OFFICERS' OR DECISION/MINUTE OF COUNCIL/COMMITTEE OR DECISION/MINUTE OF CABINET/CABINET MEMBER.*

<p>5. DECISION REQUIRED TO BE TAKEN IN CONSULTATION WITH RELEVANT MEMBER</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR .....</p> <p>POSITION .....</p> <p>SIGNATURE .....</p> <p>DATE .....</p>
<p>6. ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARED BY ANY EXECUTIVE (CABINET) MEMBER (S) CONSULTED, WHICH RELATES TO THE DECISION, OR (NON-EXECUTIVE) – ANY MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE THAT DELEGATED THE DECISION TAKEN</p>	
<p>7. WITH REFERENCE TO 6. ABOVE - HAS ANY DISPENSATION BEEN GRANTED TO THE EXECUTIVE (CABINET) MEMBER? (ONLY APPLIES TO EXECUTIVE)</p>	

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO ATTACH ANY ACCOMPANYING REPORT.**

**WHEN COMPLETE, PLEASE SEND TO HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES, CIVIC CENTRE, SCUNTHORPE FOR PUBLISHING.**

**(The definitions of a key decision are when an executive decision is likely -**

(i) to result in the Council incurring expenditure or the making of savings (including the receipt or loss of income) over £350,000 in any one financial year; or

(ii) to be significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards or electoral divisions in the area of the local authority).

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMERCIAL**

**GREEN HOMES GRANT (LOCAL AUTHORITY DELIVERY) 1B**

**1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT**

- 1.1 This report outlines the funding available following a successful bid to the Government's Green Homes Grant (Local Authority Delivery) external wall insulation scheme.
- 1.2 We have been awarded £1,066,400 from the Government's Green Homes Grant LAD 1B funding to deliver external wall insulation to a further 100 properties within North Lincolnshire who fit the criteria for funding.
- 1.3 To access the funding, we need to sign the Memorandum of Understanding issued by Department for Business, Energy & Industrial strategy (BEIS).

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 The nationally available Green Homes Grant went live in September 2020 and is there to help homeowners upgrade their homes and save up to £600 a year on their energy bills.
- 2.2 In addition to the national scheme, local authorities were invited to bid for funding to carry out a scheme of energy efficiency measures targeted at low-income households in their area.
- 2.3 Together with our Trustmark accredited delivery partner – YES Energy Solutions, we submitted a bid for a scheme of external wall insulation and were successful. We were allocated £500,000. This was GHG LAD 1A funding.
- 2.4 The Government made available a further allocation of funding via GHG LAD 1B, with the bid having to be submitted by December 2020. We had 40 households on the waiting list for external cladding, following closure of the initial funding application window. We therefore decided to be aspirational and submitted a bid to deliver a further 100 installations. Our aim being to keep households safe and warm and enable resilient and flourishing communities.
- 2.5 Our bid was successful, with a total allocation of £1,066,400 being offered to North Lincolnshire to deliver external wall cladding to 100 properties.

### **3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 3.1 Option one – sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and draw down the funding. We must have all documentation back to BEIS by the 26th of February to ensure we do not lose our allocation.
- 3.2 Option two – decide not to go ahead with the additional funding.

### **4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

- 4.1 Option one is the preferred option and ensures that we can take advantage of the funding on offer to help support our most vulnerable households to stay warm and safe at home and move out of fuel poverty. It also contributes to our priorities of enabling resilient and flourishing communities.
- 4.2 Increased deaths and admissions to hospital during winter are associated with people living in cold conditions where heating their home to a healthy temperature is costly due to poor energy efficiency.
- 4.3 Evidence is now becoming apparent on the impact of the pandemic and the lockdowns, particularly around the difficult decisions households are facing around whether they can afford to heat their home all day.

### **5. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (e.g. LEGAL, HR, PROPERTY, IT, COMMUNICATIONS etc.)**

- 5.1 There are no financial or other resource implications. We will be delivering the scheme in partnership with YES (Yorkshire Energy Services). Performance monitoring of the scheme will be met from within existing resources within the Home Assistance Team.
- 5.2 We have already consulted with Finance and Legal Services with regards the service level agreement with YES and the MOU which requires signing for BEIS. The Finance team are satisfied with the terms and conditions of the grant funding.
- 5.3 We have discussed with procurement and have a signed exception form on the basis of the total direct award to YES being £117,000 across both schemes.
- 5.3 Our Data Sharing Agreement and Privacy notice are already in place.

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

6.1 Improving energy efficiency also has a positive environmental impact, improving the carbon emissions from homes receiving the insulation measures. The savings in heating costs will also help take households out of fuel poverty.

**7. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)**

7.1 Not applicable.

**8. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED**

8.1 Not applicable.

**9. RECOMMENDATIONS**

9.1 To sign the amended Memorandum of Understanding and draw down the funding.

Head of Service for Waste, Fleet and Public Protection.

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**Background Papers used in the preparation of this report –**

- Memorandum of Understanding provided by BEIS