

EXECUTIVE DECISION BRIEFING NOTE

Warm Homes Fund



This briefing note provides context for the accompanying executive decision regarding the Green Home Grants - Local Authority Delivery Scheme.

Scheme Summary

PCC has been awarded £3,347,000 of funding as part of The Government's Green Homes Grants – Local Authority Delivery Scheme (GHG LAD) The scheme will help to tackle the prevalence of fuel poverty across the 13,500 households in the city who are currently suffering this. In August 2020 the Government announced that funding was available for local authorities to deliver a local retrofit programme to fuel poor households. The project will improve the energy efficiency of 300 owner occupier, fuel poor households currently rated E, F, or G on the EPC.

1.0 BUDGET SUMMARY/ FUNDING PROPOSALS

The £3.347m is 100% external funding from the department of Business, Energy, and Industrial Strategy – no match funding is required from PCC. To maximise the delivery window the project will effectively 'bolt on' to schemes that PCC are already delivering in this space. As such PCC's GHG LAD project will take the form of a grant programme to fuel poor households, whereby the household enters into a contract with their chosen installer after securing a grant from PCC.

3.0 REVENUE IMPLICATIONS

The required revenue spend associated with this project (staff time) will come from the awarded funds.

4.0 RISKS

The risk element in receiving the grant is low:

- It is 100% externally funded and as such there is no impact on existing PCC budgets.
- The demand for the service is high, with a considerable pipeline of households requiring assistance already building up.

5.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Leader of the Council:

- Approves the Business Case
- Allocates £3,347,000 for the project into the Capital Programme funded by Green Homes Grant
- To accept the £3.347m Green Homes Grant – Local Authority Delivery from the department of Business, Energy, and Industrial Strategy.
- Delegate authority to the Service Director for Strategic Planning & Infrastructure to spend the Green Homes Grant and enter into further agreements in relation to it.