

EXECUTIVE DECISION BRIEFING NOTE

Home Upgrade Grant (HUG) Programme



This briefing note provides context for the accompanying Executive Decision and Business Case regarding the Home Upgrade Grant (HUG) programme.

Scheme Summary

PCC is allocating **£2,254,202.19** to the Home Upgrade Grant (HUG) programme. 115 (off gas) homes (in addition to the 185 under the LAD3 programme) experiencing fuel poverty will be improved in Plymouth. The scheme will help to tackle the prevalence of fuel poverty across the 13,500 households in the city who are currently experiencing it. Low-income households in Plymouth will see their energy bills reduced by up to £200 a year. It is the first round of funding from a total of £950 million from the department of Business, Energy, and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) that was allocated to the HUG scheme by the government last year and this first phase will see works completed by April 2023.

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:

- 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:

- Approves the Business Case and Exec Decision.
- Delegate's authority to Section 151 officer and Chief Executive to sign the MoU.
- Allocates £2,254,202.19 for the project into the Capital Programme funded by Government.
- Delegate authority to the Service Director for Strategic Planning & Infrastructure to spend the allocated funds and enter into further agreements in relation to it.