

# EXECUTIVE DECISION BRIEFING NOTE

Home Upgrade Grant 2 (HUG) Programme



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

## Scheme Summary

PCC is allocating £3,376,610 to the capital programme following an award of continuation funding from Government to deliver the Home Upgrade Grant (HUG) programme. An additional 160 homes 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 £300 a year. The continuation funding adds to the initial £2.2m awarded to The Council last year.

## REVENUE IMPLICATIONS

All required revenue spend associated with this project will come from the externally awarded funds. There is no impact on Council funds.

## RISKS

The risk element in receiving the grant is low:

- This is continuation funding. The structures and processes for delivery are already in place and working.
- The demand for the service is high, with a considerable pipeline of households requiring assistance already building up.

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Leader:

- Allocates £3,376,610 for the project into the Capital Programme funded by a grant from BEIS Home Upgrade Grant Phase I.
- Delegate's authority to Section 151 officer and Chief Executive to sign the MoU.
- Delegate authority to the Service Director for Strategic Planning & Infrastructure to spend the allocated funds and enter into further agreements in relation to it.