

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member



REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY AN INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER

Executive Decision Reference Number – L22 22/23


Decision				
1	Title of decision: Home Upgrade Grant 2			
2	Decision maker: Councillor Richard Bingley, Leader of the Council			
3	Report author and contact details: Paul Elliott – Low Carbon City Manager (Paul.elliott@plymouth.gov.uk)			
4	Decision to be taken: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allocates £3,376,610 for the project into the Capital Programme funded by a grant from BEIS Home Upgrade Grant Phase 1. 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 where they would not already have authority to award it within the scheme of delegation. 			
5	Reasons for decision: To allow for the delivery of energy efficiency upgrades of 160 off gas homes experiencing fuel poverty in Plymouth.			
6	Alternative options considered and rejected: This would be ignoring an opportunity to deliver energy efficiency upgrade programmes to vulnerable households with external funds. The project has the capacity to improve the living conditions and health of some of the most vulnerable households in the city. The project has the capacity to further improve the living conditions and health of some of the most vulnerable households in the city. The Council successfully bid for these funds and as such should use them. The funds can only be used for the purposes outlined above.			
7	Financial implications and risks: This is continuation funding for the existing Home Upgrade Grant 1 project. The project is fully externally funded, including all associated revenue costs and so there are no financial implications to The Council. As this is continuation funding it will support an existing project which already has the resources in place to deliver.			
8	Is the decision a Key Decision? (please contact Democratic Support for further advice)	Yes	No	Per the Constitution, a key decision is one which:
		x		in the case of capital projects and contract awards, results in a new

				commitment to spend and/or save in excess of £3million in total
			x	in the case of revenue projects when the decision involves entering into new commitments and/or making new savings in excess of £1million
			x	is significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the area of the local authority.
	If yes, date of publication of the notice in the <u>Forward Plan of Key Decisions</u>	Please see section 11.		
9	Please specify how this decision is linked to the Council's corporate plan/Plymouth Plan and/or the policy framework and/or the revenue/capital budget:	The project is an excellent fit with the strategic objectives of The Council. Social inequalities will be reduced by the provision of efficient heating and efficiency measures to social housing households experiencing fuel poverty. This not only provides a much healthier, warmer, and comfortable environment for the householder, it also reduces the annual energy bill ensuring vulnerable households income is maximised. The retrofitted energy efficiency measures will help to reduce the carbon emissions of the city, contributing to the delivery of the Joint Local Plan and Climate Emergency Action Plan.		
10	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)	The project will aim to improve all households to an EPC rating of C with the measures installed. This improvement will realize extensive Carbon emission and fuel bill savings		

Urgent decisions

11	Is the decision urgent and to be implemented immediately in the interests of the Council or the public?	Yes	x	(If yes, please contact Democratic Support (democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk) for advice)
		No		(If no, go to section 13a)
12a	Reason for urgency: In order to receive the funding the signed Memorandum of Understanding needs to be returned to BEIS by 27/01/2023			
12b	Scrutiny Chair Signature:	Approved via email	Date	7 February 2023
	Scrutiny Committee name:	Chair of Growth and Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committee		

	Print Name:	Councillor John Riley		
Consultation				
I3a	Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision?	Yes	X	
		No		(If no go to section I4)
I3b	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?	Councillor Rebecca Smith, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Homes and Communities Councillor James Stoneman, Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Governance		
I3c	Date Cabinet member consulted	Mandate for bid (attached) obtained from Cllr Smith in November 2022 Cllr Stoneman briefed on 09.01.23		
I4	Has any Cabinet member declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision?	Yes		If yes, please discuss with the Monitoring Officer
		No	x	
I5	Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?	Name	Anthony Payne	
		Job title	Strategic Director Place	
		Date consulted	20 January 2023	
Sign-off				
I6	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	DS100 22/23	
		Finance (mandatory)	pl.22.23.256	
		Legal (mandatory)	MS/23.01.23/RSN39 648	
		Human Resources (if applicable)	N/A	
		Corporate property (if applicable)	N/A	
		Procurement (if applicable)	N/A	
Appendices				
I7	Ref.	Title of appendix		
	A	Project Mandate		
	B	Briefing Report		
	C	EIA		

Confidential/exempt information								
18a	Do you need to include any confidential/exempt information?	Yes		If yes, prepare a second, confidential ('Part II') briefing report and indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box in 18b below. (Keep as much information as possible in the briefing report that will be in the public domain)				
		No	X					
		Exemption Paragraph Number						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
18b	Confidential/exempt briefing report title:							
Background Papers								
19	Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are <u>unpublished</u> works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based. If some/all of the information is confidential, you must indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box.							
Title of background paper(s)		Exemption Paragraph Number						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Cabinet Member Signature								
20	I agree the decision and confirm that it is not contrary to the Council's policy and budget framework, Corporate Plan or Budget. In taking this decision I have given due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not. For further details please see the EIA attached.							
Signature				Date of decision		8 February 2023		
Print Name		Councillor Richard Bingley, Leader of Plymouth City Council						