

Written statement of a key decision

Cabinet member housing, regulatory services, and community safety

Title	Further Warm Homes Funding - Shropshire Council led project
Decision maker	<p>Cabinet member housing, regulatory services, and community safety</p> <p>Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here:</p> <p>http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251</p>
Date of decision	12 May 2020
Report exemption class	Open
Reason for being a key decision	<p>This is a key decision because it is likely to result in the council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the council's budget for the service or function concerned. A threshold of £500,000 is regarded as significant.</p> <p>This is a key decision because it is likely to be significant having regard to: the strategic nature of the decision; and / or whether the outcome will have an impact, for better or worse, on the amenity of the community or quality of service provided by the authority to a significant number of people living or working in the locality (two or more wards) affected.</p>
A notice was served in accordance with Part 3 (Key decisions) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.	
General exception or special urgency (as defined in the constitution)	No
Purpose	<p>This report seeks approval for the council to participate in an extension to the current Warm Homes Fund project which will support an additional 200 plus fuel poor households in Herefordshire to access funding for first time central heating systems and energy advice through the project.</p> <p>The original decision, made in December 2018, can be found here and approved the proposals for Herefordshire to act as accountable body and add the relevant funding to the capital programme, define eligibility as per 3 and 4 below and for the Acting Assistant Director for Regulatory, Environment and Waste</p>

	<p>Services to take operational decisions necessary to implement the project.</p> <p>As the additional funding offer requires a change to the current delivery model, this report also seeks authority to vary our current agreement with the Warm Homes Fund and to establish a collaborative governance structure with Shropshire Council who will act as the accountable body.</p>
Decision	<p>That:</p> <p>(a) Herefordshire Council participates in the Shropshire Council led category 1 (Urban) and category 3 (Energy efficiency and Health related solutions) Warm Homes Fund projects and accepts the grants via the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding;</p> <p>(b) The Acting Assistant Director for Regulation, Environment & Waste Services be authorised to take all operational decisions necessary to enable the project; , such as signing off the project Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and any relevant targeting activity;</p> <p>(c) Herefordshire Council agrees to end its current, direct Category 1 agreement with Warm Homes Fund provider, Affordable Warmth Solutions, by means of a variation in the agreement, in order to access the further and higher level of funding provision.</p>
Reason for the decision	<p>As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at</p> <p>http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50033076</p>
Options considered	<p>1. Herefordshire Council choose not to take part in the Shropshire Council led projects, this would likely lead to us being required to continue delivering under our current agreement and is not recommended as the funding is at a lower level, i.e. less households are set to benefit and would also require some re-negotiation with the funder for the Shropshire element of the project for which we are currently responsible.</p>
Declarations of interest (see ▪ below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	18 May 2020

Councillor:

Date 12 May 2020

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- a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;

and

- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted.