

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet member environment, economy and skills

Title	Acceptance and implementation of Local Authority Delivery (LAD) funding project
Decision maker	Cabinet member environment, economy and skills Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here: http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251
Date of decision	27 October 2020
Report exemption class	Open
Reason for being a key decision	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.
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)	General Exception
Purpose	The report seeks approval for the Council to accept Green Homes Grant (GHG) Local Authority Delivery (LAD) funding of £1,062,500 and to act as accountable body for the project and to implement the project in accordance with the approach detailed in this report. GHG LAD funding will potentially enable an estimated 100 further fuel poor households across Herefordshire and Shropshire to be supported with home energy efficiency and renewable heating measures.
Decision	That: (a) The Council signs the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Department for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) for the £1,062,500 GHG LAD grant funding and delivery of the project across Herefordshire and Shropshire; (b) the scheme criteria set out in paragraphs 7 and 8 of this

	<p>report be approved;</p> <p>(c) the chief finance officer be requested to add the £480,000 capital grant funding to the capital programme; and</p> <p>(d) the Assistant Director for Regulatory, Environment and Waste Services be authorised to take all operational decisions necessary to implement the scheme including determination of grant applications in accordance with scheme criteria.</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?Ild=50035111</p>
Options considered	<p>1. Not to accept or part accept the grant funding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is not recommended as this would make it difficult for rural fuel poor households to receive support at the levels stated within the bid, as other funding streams alone are likely to result in significant funding shortfalls for fuel poor households. • This will result in a risk of not achieving the council's strategic objectives within the County Plan 2020 – 2024 and Health & Wellbeing Strategy and will not make progress towards the Council's 2030 carbon neutral aspiration for the county.
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	2 November 2020

<p>Councillor:</p> <p>Cabinet member environment, economy and skills (Councillor Ellie Chowns)</p>	<p>Date 27 October 2020</p>
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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.