

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

Title	Acceptance and implementation of Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery (GHG LAD) Phase 2 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	16 June 2021
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>The report seeks approval for the Council to accept Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery Phase 2 (GHG LAD 2) capital funding of up to £1,460,600 via the signing of a Grant Letter agreement with the Midlands Energy Hub.</p> <p>This funding will be used to enable an estimated 134 fuel poor households across Herefordshire to be supported with home energy efficiency and renewable heating measures.</p>

Decision	That: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Council signs the Grant letter with the Midlands Energy Hub (MEH) for up to £1,460,600 GHG LAD 2 grant funding and delivery of the project across Herefordshire; b) the scheme criteria set out in paragraphs 8 to 15 of this report be approved; and c) The Assistant Director for Regulatory, Environment and Waste Services be authorised to take all operational decisions necessary to implement.
Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50037589
Options considered	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not to accept or part accept the grant funding. 2. This is not recommended as this would make it difficult for Herefordshire 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. 3. 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 net zero carbon ambition for the county.
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	22 June 2021

Councillor: Cabinet member environment, economy and skills (Councillor Ellie Chowns)	Date 16 June 2021
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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.