

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet member environment and economy

Title	Home Upgrade Grant - Phase 2
Decision maker	Cabinet member environment and economy 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	24 February 2023
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)	No
Purpose	The report seeks approval for the Council to accept Home Upgrade Grant Phase 2 (HUG2) capital funding of up to £7,744,000 via the signing of a Grant Letter agreement with the Midlands Net Zero Hub. This funding will be used to enable an estimated 390 fuel poor households across Herefordshire to be supported with home energy efficiency and renewable heating measures.
Decision	That: a) Approval is given for the acceptance and expenditure of the full allocation awarded to Herefordshire of up to £7,744,000 capital funding; b) The Council signs the Grant letter with the Midlands Net Zero Hub (MNZH); and c) The Service Director for Highways and Transport 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/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50043802
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)	2 March 2023

Councillor:	Date 24 February 2023
Cabinet member environment and economy (Councillor Ellie Chowns)	

- 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.