

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Officer approval to award Warm Homes Fund project installer contracts to GSR Heating Ltd, Kensa Contracting Ltd. and E.On Energy Installation Services Ltd. via signing of Seal Authority forms.
Date of decision:	13 July 2020
Decision maker:	Marc Willimont, Assistant Director for Regulation, Environment & Waste Services
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>The authority is for the specified officer to take this decision as established under the following:</p> <p>http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Id=50028435</p> <p>http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Id=50031484</p> <p>The relevant procurement reports are provided in conjunction with this and Seal authority forms.</p>
Ward:	Countywide
Consultation:	Both project proposals and decisions have been consulted on in conjunction with relevant Ward and Cabinet Members, affordable warmth project partners, namely Shropshire Council, Severn Wye and Marches Energy agencies and internal colleagues from relevant departments.
Decision made:	Approve award of Warm Homes Fund project installer contracts to GSR Heating Ltd, Kensa Contracting Ltd. and E.On Energy Installation Services Ltd via signing of Seal Authority forms by the Assistant Director for Regulation, Environment & Waste Services.
Reasons for decision:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A fully compliant procurement exercise has taken place recommending the appointment of GSR Heating Ltd and Kensa Contracting Ltd on a cost and quality (40%/60%) scored basis as well as the direct award to E.On Installations Services through the Fusion 21 procurement framework (please see attached procurement reports for further information). - Warm Homes Fund projects seek to alleviate fuel poverty for eligible residents in the county via the installation of more efficient and economic heating systems; - Fuel Poverty affects around 10,000 households in the county (12.2%). This figure is higher than the national level of 10.9% and reflects the challenges that the county faces in relation to the energy efficiency of

	<p>properties including a large proportion of older, hard to treat properties and restricted access to mains gas due to the rural nature of the county</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Decreasing fuel poverty can be linked to increasing housing standards as well as health and wellbeing. Inequalities in a range of health issues can be tracked to the quality of housing; examples include the link between respiratory disease and dampness and mould, and excess winter deaths and poor insulation and space heating. In relation to illness due to cold housing for example, BRE estimate an annual cost of at least £145 million to the NHS (The Health Costs of Cold Dwellings, BRE, 2001). - Housing also accounts for around a quarter of the County's carbon dioxide emissions and therefore by helping to improve the energy efficiency of heating systems in properties, the Warm Homes Fund projects will contribute to climate change reduction targets.
<p>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Cabinet member housing, regulatory services and community safety has been given delegated authority from Cabinet in exercise of its functions under Part 3 Section 3 of the constitution to approve the council's participation in the project and authorises the Assistant Director for Regulation, Environment and Waste services to approve operational decisions necessary in enabling the project. - The decision to bid for these grants was taken by before the changes to the council's finance procedure rules. - The council is responsible for administering the funding and has entered into the Affordable Warmth Solutions Recipient Agreements for each project. The council will be working with Shropshire Council to deliver the outcomes of the Category 2 (rural) funding under the terms of a memorandum of understanding.
<p>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - N/A- the Council has agreed to deliver the projects in line with the funding recipient agreements from Affordable Warmth Solutions, who administer the Warm Homes Fund and therefore requires installation partners to help deliver first time and replacement heating systems to households across Herefordshire and Shropshire.
<p>Details of any declarations of interest made:</p>	<p>N/A</p>

Mr Marc Willimont

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