

HOUSING COMMITTEE

8 DECEMBER 2020

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Report Title	GREEN HOMES GRANT LOCAL AUTHORITY DELIVERY SCHEME PHASE 1B BID			
Purpose of Report	To authorise the submission of a bid for £950,000 to the Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery Scheme (LADS) Phase 1B. If successful, to further authorise the Chief Executive enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS) to accept the awarded funding, and to take all action necessary to ensure the delivery of the project.			
Decision(s)	<p>The Committee RESOLVES to:</p> <p>a) Authorise the submission of a Bid</p> <p>b) If successful to authorise the Chief Executive to sign a Memorandum of Understanding and any accompanying documentation in relation to the Green Homes Grant: Local Authority Delivery Grant Scheme Phase 1B and to Further act on the Council's behalf with regards to the delivery of this project</p> <p>c) If successful to add the Green Homes Grant to the capital programme.</p>			
Consultation and Feedback	Consultation has taken place with partner authorities in the Warm and Well Partnership and the Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group.			
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Options	Not to submit a bid			
Background Papers	Agenda Item 12 - Council Meeting - 22 October 2020 Report Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery Scheme Bid			
Appendices	None			
Implications (further details at the end of the report)	Financial	Legal	Equality	Environmental
	Yes	Yes	No	No

1. INTRODUCTION / BACKGROUND

- 1.1** A report was presented to full Council at its meeting on the 22nd October 2020 (Agenda item 12) regarding the submission of a bid to the Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery Scheme.

- 1.2 The bid was submitted by SDC as the Lead partner in the Gloucestershire & South Gloucestershire Warm & Well Scheme, for the provision of insulation and air source heat pump heating to Park Homes across the Warm & Well delivery area.
- 1.3 The bid was successful with capital funding of £1,094,050 awarded to insulate approximately 100 Park Homes and install 50 air source heat pumps.
- 1.4 All works undertaken as part of this project must be completed by the 31st March 2021.
- 1.5 Council agreed that further matters in relation to this project should be referred to Housing Committee.

2. MAIN POINTS

- 2.1 Central Government have opened up a new round of funding known as Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery Scheme (LADS) Phase 1B.
- 2.2 Local Authorities such as SDC who were successful in their bids in the first phase of funding are eligible to submit a further bid to increase the delivery outcomes.
- 2.3 Bids submitted under phase 1B will have until September 2021 in which to complete any works undertaken.
- 2.4 SDC as the Lead partner for the Warm & Well Partnership has submitted an expression of interest to submit a bid for a further £950,000 to carry out energy efficiency improvements to a further 100 Park Homes across the Warm & Well delivery area.
- 2.5 Targeting of funding will be based on analysis of health data working with our CCG colleagues to identify those who would benefit most from this funding.
- 2.6 A full bid has to bid submitted by the 4th December 2020 with successful Local Authorities informed in early January at which time a Memorandum of Understanding will need to be completed with BEIS to accept the funding.

3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1 That as the Lead Authority for the Warm and Well Partnership the Chief Executive on behalf of the Council be authorised to sign the Memorandum of understanding for the Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery Scheme Bid.
- 3.2 That the Chief Executive be authorised to act on the Council's behalf to ensure the proper delivery of the project.

4. IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial Implications

Should the bid be successful and the grant accepted, the Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery Scheme would be added to the Capital Programme, fully funded by the government grant. If the bid is unsuccessful the scheme would not be added to the capital programme and the council would incur no expenditure, and therefore no impact on the financial position of the council is expected from this bid.

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4.2 Legal Implications

It is anticipated that if the bid is successful the grant awarded to the Council will be made in accordance with section 31 Local Government Act 2003. One of the requirements of the grant will be that the Council must enter into the Memorandum of Understanding as a record of the arrangement.

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4.3 Equality Implications

There are not any specific changes to service delivery proposed within this decision.

4.4 Environmental Implications

There are no significant implications within this category as the work undertaken will be contributing to lifetime Carbon savings estimated to be 7,200tCO₂