



GREAT YARMOUTH
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Housing and Neighbourhoods Committee

Date: Thursday, 10 March 2022

Time: 18:30

Venue: Supper Room

Address: Town Hall, Hall Plain, Great Yarmouth, NR30 2QF

AGENDA

Open to Public and Press

1 **MINUTES**

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To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 8th November 2021.

2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive any apologies for absence.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

You have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in a matter to be discussed if it relates to something on your Register of Interests form. You must declare the interest and leave the room while the matter is dealt with.

You have a Personal Interest in a matter to be discussed if it affects

- your well being or financial position
- that of your family or close friends
- that of a club or society in which you have a management role
- that of another public body of which you are a member to a greater extent than others in your ward.

You must declare a personal interest but can speak and vote on the matter.

Whenever you declare an interest you must say why the interest arises, so that it can be included in the minutes.

4 MATTERS ARISING

To consider any matters arising from the above minutes.

5 FORWARD PLAN

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The Committee is asked to receive and consider the Forward Plan.

6 OUTSIDE BODIES REPORTS

A verbal update will be given at the meeting on the following Outside Bodies:-

- Gorleston Poor Land Trustees
- Great Yarmouth Municipal Charities
- Great Yarmouth Seafarers Centre
- High School Foundation - Also known as Great Yarmouth Grammar School Foundation
- James Paget Healthcare NHS Trust (Governors' Council)
- Merchant Navy Welfare Board
- Neighbourhood Management Board - MESH (Gorleston)
- Neighbourhood Management Board - Make It Happen (Southtown, Cobholm and Halfway House)
- Neighbourhood Management Board - Yarmouth
- Norfolk Health & Wellbeing Board
- Norfolk Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee
- Older Peoples Partnership
- Youth Advisory Board

7 MIDDLEGATE ESTATE UPDATE

A presentation will be made at the meeting.

8 HOUSING FIRST

A verbal update will be given by the Housing Director.

9 SUSTAINABLE WARMTH & DECARBONISATION

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Report attached.

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

To consider any other business as may be determined by the Chairman of the meeting as being of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration.

11 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

In the event of the Committee wishing to exclude the public from the meeting, the following resolution will be moved:-

"That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 12(A) of the said Act."

12 CONFIDENTIAL - MINUTES

Details



Housing and Neighbourhoods Committee

Minutes

Monday, 08 November 2021 at 18:30

PRESENT:-

Councillor Grant (in the Chair); Councillors Cameron, Candon, Flaxman-Taylor, Galer, Grant, D Hammond, Martin. Wainwright & Williamson.

Councillor A Wright attended as a substitute for Councillor Jeal.
Councillor Wells attended as a substitute for Councillor Price.

Mrs N Turner (Housing Director), Mrs P Boyce (Strategic Director), Mrs K Sly (Finance Director), Mrs D Patterson (HRA Service Accountant), Mr R Heath (Resident Engagement Officer) & Mrs C Webb (Executive Services Officer).

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jeal, Price, Smith-Clare & Talbot.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest given at the meeting.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 September 2021 were confirmed.

4 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the above minutes which were not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

5 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman was pleased to advise Members that the Council had successfully bid for £858,000 to support a number of improvements to the leisure and recreational facilities on the Middlegate Estate.

The funding, from the Department of Levelling Up, Housing & Communities Estate Regeneration Fund will allow the Council to :

(i) Remove the Multi-Use games Area (MUGA) and create a private and secure garden only available for residents in the surrounding homes. An extension of this garden is proposed by consulting the residents of homes on the first and second floors who have private gardens adjacent to the MUGA which are currently fenced off and many residents struggle to maintain them as they have no direct access to the gardens from their homes. As part of the works, a number of accesses to this new, private garden will be secured so only adjacent residents can use this area, removing an existing rat run. These works will benefit the residents of 107 homes.

(ii) Removal and upgrade of three play areas (Clarendon North, Clarendon South and Dorset Close). Existing hard safety surfaces will be replaced with grass surfacing. One play area will provide a bespoke, accessible play area.

(iii) Installation of a physical activity course in the public realm, this will include a mixture of Parkour (low level only) equipment and outdoor gym equipment promoting movement through the estate and linking to other recreational facilities beyond the estate, the exact location is yet to be determined; and

(iv) Resident engagement will inform the choice of play equipment including a design competition of the accessible play area. The theme for this is herring fishing.

The funding available needs to be spent by 31 March 2022. The wider work on exploring the viability of regenerating the estate is continuing with a report expected to be considered by the Middlegate Member Working Group and this Committee, in the New Year.

6 FORWARD PLAN

The Committee received and considered the Forward Plan.

The Committee requested that the following additions to the Forward Plan:-

- (i) Selective licensing update and next steps
- (ii) De-carbonisation of council housing stock
- (iii) GYN maintenance of housing stock including complaints handling and repairs
- (iv) Review of sheltered accommodation; and
- (v) Integrated Care System (ICS) – proposed Health & Well-being Partnership Governance 2022/23.

RESOLVED:-

That the Committee note the Forward Plan with the additional items agreed at the meeting.

7 HRA PERIOD 6 BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

The Committee received and considered the report from the HRA Service Accountant

The HRA Service Accountant reported that the HRA currently shows a revised 21/22 forecast deficit of £2.2m, from an original forecast deficit of £2.8m, resulting in a favorable movement of £600k. Repairs and maintenance budgets continue to reflect a reduction, along with reduced interest payable in year, following the revisions to the affordable and additional housing schemes in 2021/22. The HRA has a major capital works budget of £13.7m for 2021/22. As at period 6, the capital budget forecast is revised to deliver a £10m programme in year.

The HRA Capital spend to the end of period 6 totals £3.3m. Spend is expected to increase as the year progresses, although projects have been affected by time pressures and the increased difficulty in sourcing materials. Budget totaling £1.9m is currently forecast to be carried forward into 2022/23. With effect from 1 April 2021, the regulations around the use of Retained Right to Buy receipts were changed. To reflect this change, the Council has reduced its affordable housing budget in year, from £3.6m to £1.8m.

The HRA Service Accountant highlighted that the HRA has recently submitted a capital funding bid, under the Social Housing Decarbonisation fund. This bid is to support a project targeting 85 properties within the borough, aiming to improve the energy performance of each dwelling. The Council also submitted a bid to the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, which formed part of a £10 million pound fund, aimed to support estate regeneration. The bid was successful, with funds aimed to support works to improve the leisure and recreation facilities on the Middlegate estate.

The HRA Service Accountant reported that Right to Buy sales continue to be lower

than previous years, with 5 sale completions in quarter 1 and no sales in quarter 2. This will continue to be monitored going forward, as this will impact capital financing going forward.

Councillor A Wright reported that he had read that a local authority had purchased a heat seeking drone which was able to survey properties from the air as part of their de-carbonisation strategy and he asked whether the Council would consider such a purchase to seek out the worst insulated private sector homes in the borough. **The Director of Housing agreed to discuss this proposal with the Head of Property & Asset Management.**

RESOLVED:-

That the Committee consider and note the 2021/22/Housing Revenue & Capital Budget monitoring position as at the end of period 6.

8 COUNCIL HOUSING COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE - SIX MONTHLY UPDATE

The Committee received and considered the report from the Housing Director and the Resident Engagement Officer.

The Resident Engagement Officer gave an overview of the first six-monthly compliance and performance update in relation to the Council's housing stock and provided an update on regulatory compliance, resident engagement and customer satisfaction statistics regarding the Housing Service.

Councillor Candon reported that he was pleased that the backlog of completion of some Fire Risk Assessments was being actively addressed and monitored and would be removed by the end of 2021.

Councillor Wainwright referred the Committee to page 27 of the agenda report and asked for an assurance that the flatted stairwells would be maintained to a decent standard by the caretakers as part of the shared communal areas. **The Housing Director was in discussion with the Head of Property & Asset Management regarding the enclosure of stairwells and would provide an update at the next meeting.**

Councillor Wells asked for clarification regarding the statistics given at 5.2 on page 30 of the agenda report. Over the first two quarters 2021/22, a total of 124 surveys had been returned, the satisfaction figures reflected the percentage of tenants who rated the service good or very good. A response rate of 124 surveys had been received out of a total of how many had been sent out would give Members a much clearer picture. **The Resident Engagement Officer agreed to forward the actual response rate figures to the Committee.** The Housing Director confirmed the the response rate would be provided to the Committee in all future reports.

RESOLVED:-

That the Committee note the report.

9 RESIDENT ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

The Committee received and considered the report from the Resident Engagement Officer.

The Resident Engagement Officer gave an overview of the development of the resident Engagement Strategy and sought endorsement of the strategy to support and expand how the Council engaged and involved tenants across the Housing Service.

Councillor Candon asked for clarification as to how the Community Representatives were selected and asked that all Members be informed of the Community Representatives in their ward so that they engage with them and work alongside them for the betterment of the ward. The Housing Director assured Members that the Community Representatives were not in place to replace the role of a ward Councillor in any shape or form.

Councillor Wainwright agreed that he shared the same concerns of Councillor Candon. The role of a Community Representative was to be applauded but it must not be to the detriment of a ward Councillor. He asked how the Community Representatives had been selected and appointed and asked for details of the budget set aside to support these roles. The Housing Director reported that tenants were offered a range of initiatives to get involved as it was imperative that the Housing Service understood what was happening on our estates at grass root level.

Councillor Williamson reported that he was aware what was happening on the estates in his ward but that when he tried to contact Graham Hollingdale at Norse to discuss issues that he could never get through to him on the phone. The workload was too big and diverse for MESH, Make it Happen or Community to tackle in their present formats and the Tenants Forum had been disbanded but had been disillusioned that they had not been listened too. However, the Housing Department had committed Members willing to assist them in tackling issues on their estates which he felt was being overlooked or dismissed.

All Members were of the opinion that they needed a broader understanding of how tenant participation worked in the housing sector.

Councillor Williamson referred to the Action Plan detailed in Appendix B and asked whether the data was qualitative or quantitative when demonstrating success as there were no outcomes listed and suggested that a report should be drafted to members from the information contained in this Action Plan. The Resident Engagement Officer informed the Committee that there was a list of over 300 tenant volunteers who were willing to undertake engagement via a number of different formats from receiving a newsletter to taking part in a focus group. The Director of Housing reported that she understood Members concerns regarding the Action Plan and assured them that it would be populated with outcomes and benchmarks going forwards.

Councillor Wells suggested that a name change from Community Representative to Community Champion might be advisable. Councillor Wainwright asked for sight of the handbook which had been developed for Community Representatives as he was unaware that such a document existed. **The Housing Director agreed to provide all**

members with a copy of the Handbook.

Councillor Flaxman-Taylor asked if there was any other initiatives pending apart from a Tenant Survey and that from a Member perspective, this report was very disappointing as there was a lot of work being undertaken in the background, by stealth it felt like, than Members were aware of. She further asked what the response time was for resolving issues raised by Community Representatives as for Members, this usually took a very long time, as officers did not get back to members promptly to discuss issues when contacted. **The Housing Director asked Members to flag any outstanding issues to her and she would follow them up as a matter of urgency.**

The Housing Director once again assured Members that their role was key and was not being replaced or diluted by Community Representatives and that resident engagement was a learning process.

Councillor Martin reported that she welcomed the strategy but agreed that it required some refinement but it was imperative to build trust with tenants to ensure they received the best Housing Service the Council could offer. She asked for confirmation as to what an e-zene was and that she was unaware of the dedicated resident engagement email address and what purpose it served. The Resident Engagement Officer reported that an e-zene was a monthly email giving new opportunities, and complemented the Tenants News & Views and he would add all Members to the distribution list.

The Housing Director reported that she had taken on board all of the Members comments and she would arrange a Briefing Session for Members and provide regular feedback on a 6 monthly basis.

RESOLVED:-

That the Committee adopt the Resident Engagement Strategy.

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman reported that there was no other business being of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration at the meeting.

11 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

RESOLVED:-

That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12(A) of the said Act.

12 ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FOR TRANSITIONAL HOUSING SCHEME

(Confidential Minute on this Item)

The meeting ended at: 20:30

Housing and Neighbourhoods			ELT Date	Pre Meet Date	Comm Date
21-182	Sustainable Warmth Update (Decarbonisation of Council Housing Stock)	Strategic Director (KB)Head of Property and Asset Management /	23/2/22	02/03/22	10/03/22
21-186	Resident Engagement - 6 Monthly Report	Director of Housing	May-22	May-22	May-22
21-185	Integrated Care System (ICS) – proposed Health & Wellbeing Partnership governance 2022/23	Strategic Director (PB)	TBC	TBC	TBC
21-181	Selective Licensing Update and Next Steps	Head of Environmental Services	TBC	TBC	TBC
21-183	GYN Maintenance of Housing Stock (including complaints handling and repairs	Head of Property and Asset Management	TBC	TBC	TBC
21-142	Middlegate Regeneration Scheme	Housing Director	TBC	TBC	TBC
20-199	Empty Homes Policy	Director of Housing	TBC	TBC	TBC
21-083	Rent Income Policy	Director of Housing	TBC	TBC	TBC
21-187	Domestic Violence Strategy	Director of Housing	TBC	TBC	TBC
21-084	Leasehold policy	Director of Housing	TBC	TBC	TBC
21-085	Right to Buy Policy	Director of Housing	TBC	TBC	TBC
21-184	Review of sheltered Housing Scheme Update	Director of Housing	TBC	TBC	TBC

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Subject: Sustainable Warmth and Decarbonisation

Report to: ELT

2 March 2022

Housing and Neighbourhoods Committee

10 March 2022

Report by: Nicola Turner, Housing Director

SUBJECT MATTER/RECOMMENDATIONS

This report provides information on the Council's approach to improving the energy efficiency of the worst performing homes of all tenures and the approach being developed to decarbonise the Council's housing stock.

Recommendations:

That Housing and Neighbourhoods Committee note the report and recommend to Full Council:

- 1. Acceptance of the Homes Upgrade Grant (HUG) and Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund (SHDF) grant monies**
- 2. Note the prior completion of the Memorandum of Understanding to secure the SHDF grant monies and completion of the Memorandum of Understanding for the HUG grant award**
- 3. Delegation of all decisions on the use of and spend of the Homes Upgrade Grant and Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund monies in accordance with the requirements of the applicable Memorandum of Understanding to the Head of Property and Asset Management/Director of Housing Assets**
- 4. Updating the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account 2022/23 capital programmes to reflect the HUG and SHDF spend.**

1. Introduction

- 1.1** This report provides information on the £5,870,456 of Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) grant money secured by the Council to improve the energy efficiency of homes, relating to successful bids from three separate funding streams. This funding will

result in 408 homes across the borough benefiting from the installation of energy efficiency measures of which 321 will be owner occupied or privately rented homes and 87 council homes. It also provides information on the approach to decarbonising the Council's housing stock.

- 1.2 On 30 November 2021, Policy and Resources Committee considered a report providing an update on the Council's bid to the Sustainable Warmth Competition – a bid which had two parts:
- Local Authority Delivery 3 (LAD3) – to deliver works to improve the energy efficiency of the least efficient homes which are on the gas grid network occupied by low-income households. The report confirmed that the Council's bid for £1,654,670 was successful, providing works to 153 homes, although some homes will receive more than one type of energy improvement work.
 - Home Upgrade Grant (HUG) – to deliver works to improve the energy efficiency of the least efficient homes which are off the gas grid occupied by low-income households. The Council's bid for £2,576,621 was unsuccessful.

The report provided information on how the LAD3 programme would be delivered and managed, identifying the financial and other risks. The report also noted that a separate report to this committee would be provided on work to address the energy efficiency of homes across the borough including the outcome of the Council's bid to the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund.

2. Current position

- 2.1 Following the unsuccessful bid to the Sustainable Warmth Competition the Council has considered other funding streams to fund works to homes which are off the gas grid and working collaboratively with E.ON Energy Solutions made a bid to the Warm Homes Fund for funding to install 100 first time central heating systems, the outcome of this bid is awaited.
- 2.2 Following the release of additional monies for the HUG programme, the prior bid for HUG monies of £2,576,621 of grant was awarded in full, with a revised start time of April 2022. The grant award will fund works to 170 homes, although as with LAD3, some properties will benefit from more than one type of energy efficiency improvement.
- 2.3 HUG funding will be targeted at owner occupiers or tenants who are on low incomes living in the worst performing homes – a focus on homes which have an EPC rating of E,F or G, although in some circumstances properties with a rating of D will be included. For tenanted properties a landlord contribution of a third of the cost of works is required. Social housing can be included as part of an area approach to delivery but is only able to form only a small part of delivery. The HUG monies will be targeted at homes in the following wards, this reflects evidence on EPC rating for homes and deprivation data:
- East Flegg
 - West Flegg
 - Fleggburgh
 - Ormesby
 - Lothingland
 - Nelson

- Central and Northgate

2.4 On 15 October 2021, the Council submitted a bid to BEIS for £1,639,165 of funding from Wave 1 of the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund (SHDF) which was confirmed as successful on 7 February 2022. The grant monies will be used to install External Wall Insulation (EWI) as an effective way to improve the energy efficiency of homes, especially those which have solid walls. Whilst this programme will result in 74 Council owned homes being improved, a further 11 private properties which adjoin Council homes in the programme will also be able to benefit from the installation of EWI. Including the private homes will improve the overall appearance of the street and will improve the thermal efficiency of all homes. The Council's bid was a partnership one and part of the funding will be used by two other Registered Providers to deliver EWI works to their least efficient homes elsewhere in Norfolk and Suffolk. (Note: Only Local Authorities were able to bid to Wave 1 of the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund).

2.5 The SHDF will be used to improve homes in the following wards:

- East Flegg
- Fleggburgh
- Ormesby
- West Flegg
- Caister South

2.6 Like the LAD3 funding, the HUG and SHDF monies are secured via a Memorandum of Understanding between the Council and BEIS. BEIS required an early completion of the Memorandum of Understanding for the SHDF, this will be completed by early March. Work is now underway to complete the required Memorandum of Understanding to drawdown the HUG monies.

2.7 As identified in the report to Policy and Resources Committee on 30 November 2021, the BEIS funding requires specific high standards of installation which the energy efficiency works funded by the programmes must meet. To meet these requirements and provide certainty of the availability of installers and quality of materials for both the HUG and SHDF programmes, the Council will be appointing E.ON Energy Solutions Ltd as delivery agent with E.ON Energy Solutions Ltd providing both project management and ensuring delivery using their own accredited suppliers. The Council will use a framework to directly appoint E.ON Energy Solutions.

2.8 Reflecting the level of grant funding now obtained for energy efficiency works, the Council will be appointing a full-time project manager to provide oversight of delivery and assurance of quality as well as ensuring the monthly performance reports are submitted to BEIS across all three funding streams. Oversight of the delivery of the LAD3, HUG and SHDF programmes will be provided by Mark Graham, Housing Asset Manager. Completion of delivery and spend is required for all three programmes by 31 March 2023.

3. Decarbonisation of the Council's Housing Stock

- 3.1 To support social housing landlords to ensure all affordable housing is net zero carbon by 2050, the Government through BEIS has launched the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund with the 2019 Conservative Manifesto including a proposal that £3.8bn will be available through the fund over a 10-year period. The focus is on improving homes which do not currently achieve a minimum EPC rating of C. To date, a demonstrator programme and Wave 1 programme have been allocated funding through a competitive bidding process. As stated above, through Wave 1, the Council has been awarded £1,639,165 of funding. Whilst like HUG and LAD3, the Council as landlord, must contribute towards the costs of installing energy efficiency measures, there is no income limit for the tenants. The bidding process for Wave 2, is expected to open in the next financial year and all Registered Providers will be able to directly apply.
- 3.2 The Council is developing a new Asset Management Strategy which will set out its approach to achieving decarbonisation, with the approach being to focus on two areas:
- **Fabric First**
Improving the energy performance of the structure of homes – through increasing or improving insulation or replacing windows/doors with more energy efficient windows/doors. These works deliver immediate benefits to tenants and as a result the capital programme will focus initially on these works.
 - **Clean Heat**
Replacing existing fossil fuel heating systems (gas and oil boilers) with clean heating systems such as heat pumps.
- 3.3 The Council will look to bid to Wave 2 and future Waves of the SHDF to support and speed up the decarbonisation of the Council's homes. The Council is also, through its new housing delivery considering the decarbonisation agenda, with the new homes at Beach Coach Station required to meet EPC B, using an electric heating system. This will future proof these new homes, reducing future expenditure to achieve the decarbonisation agenda. In addition, the Council is exploring the cost of regenerating the Middlegate estate, so all homes are Net Zero Carbon.

4. Sustainable Warmth

- 4.1 The LAD3 and HUG programmes will enable low-income occupiers of the least energy efficient homes to benefit from works which will increase the energy efficiency of their home. The BEIS funding used to deliver these programmes reflects the Government's commitment to ensuring all homes are net zero carbon by 2050. The forthcoming bans on the installation of first-time gas boilers from 2025 and installation of gas boilers to replace existing gas boilers from 2035 combined with recent increases in gas prices has highlighted the need to ensure householders are aware of the alternative ways they can meet their heating and hot water needs in an affordable and sustainable way.
- 4.2 The Council will continue to bid for monies which allow grants to be provided to homeowners and landlords to improve the energy efficiency of their homes with a focus on addressing fuel poverty by targeting the worst performing homes and taking a fabric first approach. Overall, works must ensure homes are warm and are affordable to heat whilst also reducing carbon emissions. The impact on wellbeing of living in an affordable and well heated home cannot be underestimated.

- 4.3 A new Sustainability Strategy has been developed which Environment Committee will consider on 16 March 2022 along with a number of recommendations to Full Council to allow the Council to achieve the outcomes of the new strategy. Whilst the strategy is wider than sustainable warmth, the Council's approach to sustainable warmth set out in this report is integral to the actions and approach set out in the new Sustainability Strategy including setting a target by which to achieve Net Zero.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 In total, the Council has received funding of £5,870,456 of grant funding to deliver energy efficiency works:
- Local Authority Delivery 3: £1,654,670
 - Home Upgrade Grant £2,576,621
 - Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund: £1,639,165
- 5.2 There will be no cost to the Council of delivering the LAD3, HUG and SHDF programmes reflecting the funding provided by BEIS. The Council's General Fund and Housing Revenue Account capital budgets will be updated to reflect the spend within 2022/23, funds will be fully spent in accordance with the approved bids.
- 5.3 The admin and ancillary costs allowance within the LAD3, HUG and SHDF grants, will fund a dedicated full time project manager and additional staff resource to support them who will be responsible for providing assurance of programme delivery and outcomes for the Council across all three programmes.
- 5.4 The SHDF monies do not fund the full cost of the EWI works with part of the cost to be met by the Council via the Housing Revenue Account 2022/23 capital programme. The Council's contribution of £637,678 is within the approved budget. Decarbonisation works undertaken to the Council's housing stock will be funded through the HRA capital programme.

6. Risk Implications

- 6.1 The report to Policy and Resources Committee set out the risks associated with the Council's delivery of the LAD3 funding and these risks equally relate to the HUG and SHDF programmes. The same mitigating actions for LAD3 will be used for the HUG and SHDF programme delivery to mitigate the identified risks. The use of one contractor, who has confirmed their ability to deliver the required outcomes of delivery further mitigates the risk.
- 6.2 The Memorandum of Understanding used for HUG also allows the Council to seek an extension of the funding period beyond 31 March 2023 which would provide more time for all measures to be delivered and full spend on works to be achieved. Any such request is at the discretion of the Secretary of State, requests will only be considered if made by 31 December 2022. A similar right to request an extension, at the discretion of the Secretary of State applies to the SHDF.

7. Legal Implications

- 7.1 The Council is required via the Memorandums of Understanding for the HUG and SHDF to ensure that the use of the grant complies with subsidy control requirements. To support this

the Council will use a direct appointment framework to appoint E.ON Energy Solutions Ltd to deliver these programmes.

7. Conclusion

This report provides information on the Council's approach to decarbonisation and ensuring delivery of improvements in the energy efficiency of homes across the borough, focusing on the worst performing homes and those occupied by low-income households who are in or at risk of fuel poverty. It provides information on successful bids for BEIS funding totalling £5,870,456 to deliver energy efficiency improvement which will mean 408 homes across the borough are improved by March 2023.

8. Background Papers

Sustainable Warmth Competition Update – Policy and Resources Committee, 30 November 2021

Areas of consideration: e.g. does this report raise any of the following issues and if so how have these been considered/mitigated against?

Area for consideration	Comment
Monitoring Officer Consultation:	Via ELT
Section 151 Officer Consultation:	Via ELT
Existing Council Policies:	Corporate Plan
Financial Implications (including VAT and tax):	Discussed in report
Legal Implications (including human rights):	Discussed in report
Risk Implications:	Discussed in report
Equality Issues/EQIA assessment:	The HUG funding will be targeted at low-income household living in the most inefficient homes. Many of these households will have protected characteristics and the works will improve their health and wellbeing by providing a more energy efficient home.
Crime & Disorder:	Not applicable
Every Child Matters:	Not applicable