
To: The Business, Economy and Scrutiny Board

Date: 14th April 2021

Subject: Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme Update

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 This briefing note has been prepared on the request of the Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3) to provide an update on the progress of the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS) project since Cabinet and Council approved the proposals on 9th December 2020 and 16th December 2020 respectively.
- 1.2 The final value of the PSDS Bid 1 grant of £6,052,216 was confirmed on the 11th January 2021 and included 120 eligible measures across 29 Coventry City Council owned and operated properties.
- 1.3 The Director of Finance in consultation with legal and property colleagues accepted the grant on the 19th February 2021 and work to take the approved projects to the delivery stage.
- 1.4 The Council were informed by BEIS on the 25th February 2021 that a further grant allocation for the maintained education portfolio could also be funded and a provisional offer of a second grant for £2,486,827 for Coventry City Council educational properties was made. Due to timing constraints this grant was accepted by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills and Director of Law and Governance, under emergency powers on the 25th February 2021.
- 1.5 Approval for the delivery of grant funded decarbonisation projects on the education estate was approved by Cabinet and Council on the 9th March 2021 and 16th March 2021 respectively. The reports can be found at Appendix 2 and 3.
- 1.6 The Council has now begun the process of delivering the projects that secured funding with a deadline of 30th September 2021 to complete the works.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3) are recommended to:
 - 1) Note the work undertaken to date to secure funding under the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme Grant Award
 - 2) Support the progress made in delivery of the initiatives for which funding has been secured.

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 The UK Government committed to provide financial support to help stimulate the economy following the economic downturn caused by the Coronavirus pandemic. They have established a number of funding schemes aimed at supporting the wider agenda of "Building Back Better" through supporting green job growth.

- 3.2 The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) launched the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme on 1st October 2020. The Grant Scheme was delivered by Salix Finance and aimed to allocate up to £1bn of grant funding to encourage green investment aligning with the Government's Net Zero and clean growth goals.
- 3.3 Two Cabinet Reports have been approved and contain further information about the background to the grant scheme as well as PowerPoint slides These are attached as appendices to this report.

Appendix 1: Presentation: Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme

Appendix 2: Cabinet Report: Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme – CCC Public Building Energy Efficiency Retrofit

Appendix 3: Cabinet Report: Maintained Schools Energy Efficiency Retrofit Grants

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