

Exercise of emergency functions – Acceptance and use of allocation of the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund (“SHDF”) Wave 2.1 funding totalling £23,855,688.70 from the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero (“DESNZ”) (formally known as the Department for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy) to The Council of the City of Coventry (the “City Council”)

1. Part 2M of the constitution of the City Council provides for the Scheme of Functions delegated to Employees including to the Chief Executive.
2. Paragraph 3.8 of Part 2M of the Constitution enables the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader to make decisions required in an emergency.
3. The City Council in conjunction with Citizen Housing Group Limited (“Citizen”) submitted a bid to DESNZ in respect of the SHDF Wave 2.1 scheme. DESNZ have confirmed that the City Council have been successful with the bid and £23,855,688.70 (the “Grant Funding”) has been made available to the City Council, subject to contract/ grant acceptance.
4. The Grant Funding together with Citizen’s own investment will deliver energy efficiency measures to approximately 2,000 social housing properties in Coventry. The purpose and objectives of the Grant Funding are to carry out energy efficiency works on properties in of Coventry to improve the energy performance to an Energy Performance Certificate rating of a C. Works on the homes will predominately improve the fabric and ventilation of a property including, cavity / external wall insulation, increased loft insulation, improved windows and doors where appropriate, and improving ventilation to reduce the potential for mould growth.
5. The City Council is required to sign the Grant Funding offer letter and agreement by no later than 28th April 2023.
6. The City Council’s legal team are undertaking a subsidy control (previously state aid) analysis to ensure that the Grant Funding is compliantly received by the City Council and then passported to Citizen and (where required) the appropriate bodies are notified in accordance with the Subsidy Control Act 2022.
7. On the basis set out above, I am satisfied that the decision being taken pursuant to this emergency provision is critical to support the energy efficiency improvements to houses in the city of Coventry.
8. In light of the above I agree that this constitutes an emergency and I am making the decision that the City Council:
 - Accepts the grant of £23,855,688.70 and uses the grant in accordance with the terms of the Grant Funding offer letter and agreement.
 - Delegated authority be given to Colin Knight, Director of Transport and Highways to administer the grant in accordance with the Grant Funding offer letter and agreement and enter into the relevant agreements with Citizen.

I have consulted with the Leader of the City Council to confirm his agreement to this course of action.

A report will be taken to Full Council at the next appropriate meeting that will include information about this emergency decision.

Signed: 

Interim Chief Executive of Coventry City Council
Dated: 27 April 2023

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