

BOLSOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

Meeting of the Executive on 23rd June 2025

Warm Homes: Local Grant

Report of the Assistant Director for Housing Management

Classification	This report is Open
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PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT

To make Executive aware of the Warm Homes: Local Grant, to accept the grant funding to be able to make substantial improvements to the energy efficiency of resident's homes across the district.

REPORT DETAILS

1. Background

- 1.1 Warm Homes Local Grant is a government fund which allows Local Authorities to work with eligible residents to install energy efficiency upgrades and low carbon measures to homes across the district.
- 1.2 The scheme aims to deliver both energy costs and carbon savings for eligible households and will cover all fuel types. To be eligible for the scheme residents will need to be a homeowner or private sector landlord whose property has an Energy Performance Certificate D or below. There are three qualifying pathways that a household can take:
 - Gross household income under £36,000 or
 - Receiving a specified means tested benefit or route 2 of Energy Company Obligation flex or
 - live in an Index of multiple deprivation (IMD) area 1-2. These households will automatically qualify for the scheme.

There are a variety of energy measures that could be installed under the scheme

- 1.3 It is anticipated that there will be considerable interest from property owners whether owner occupiers or private landlords and the Council will need to be prepared and manage expectations whilst seeking to help as many residents live in a warmer home.

2. Details of Proposal or Information

- 2.1 In 2024, the Council launched 'Bolsover District - The Future', a new corporate vision which set priorities to protect the environment and ensure we work towards achieving the national ambition to achieve net zero by 2050.
- 2.2 This grant funding would allow the Council to support low income and vulnerable households in improving the energy efficiency of their homes.
- 2.3 It is proposed that Bassetlaw District Council deliver the project on behalf of Bolsover, under the current Service Level Agreement between the two Authorities.

3 The provisional allocation and project delivery spend is detailed below:

	Capital	A&A (admin and Ancillary)	FY Total
FY 25/26	£166,875	£31,125	£198,000
FY 26/27	£557,690	£47,310	£605,000
FY 27/28	£520,435	£46,065	£566,500
Total	£1,245,000	£124,500	£1,369,500

Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 By accepting the grant, the Council is meeting its corporate ambitions of working towards net zero and would be supporting low income and vulnerable households in improving the energy efficiency of their homes.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 The Council could refuse to accept the grant, but this is not considered an option. The Council could look to deliver the project in-house, however additional resource over and above the allocated admin and ancillary allowance would be required, and so outsourcing to Bassetlaw is the preferred option.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. The Warm Homes Local Grant Fund of £1.2m be formally accepted.
2. The Service Level Agreement with Bassetlaw District Council is extended to enable them to deliver the scheme on behalf of Bolsover District Council.

Approved by Councillor Phil Smith, Portfolio Holder for Housing

IMPLICATIONS:

Finance and Risk

Yes ☒

No ☐

Details:

All expenditure incurred on this scheme will be funded either by external Warm Homes Local Grant or from within the unallocated HRA Major Repairs Reserve, which is already included within the approved Capital Programme.

On behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection)

Yes ☐

No ☐

Details:

SLA agreements between Bassetlaw and Bolsover will need expanding to facilitate this new method of partnership working between the two authorities.

On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Staffing

Yes ☐

No ☒

Details:

There are no staffing implications arising from the report.

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

Equality and Diversity, and Consultation

Yes ☐

No ☒

(Please speak to the Equality and Diversity Officer for advice)

Details:

None arising from this report

Environment

Yes ☒

No ☐

Please identify (if applicable) how this proposal/report will help the Authority meet its carbon neutral target or enhance the environment. *(Please speak to the Climate Change Officer for advice)*

Details: Funding will assist in the decarbonisation of private sector homes to ensure households are better able to keep warm, while reducing carbon emissions.

DECISION INFORMATION:

<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please indicate which threshold applies:</p> <p>Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an Executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more wards in the District or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:</p> <p>Revenue (a) Results in the Council making Revenue Savings of £75,000 or more or (b) Results in the Council incurring Revenue Expenditure of £75,000 or more.</p> <p>Capital (a) Results in the Council making Capital Income of £150,000 or more or (b) Results in the Council incurring Capital Expenditure of £150,000 or more.</p> <p>District Wards Significantly Affected: <i>(to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the District)</i> Please state below which wards are affected or tick All if all wards are affected:</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(a) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>All <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Is the decision subject to Call-In? <i>(Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</i></p> <p>If No, is the call-in period to be waived in respect of the decision(s) proposed within this report? <i>(decisions may only be classified as exempt from call-in with the agreement of the Monitoring Officer)</i></p> <p>Consultation carried out: <i>(this is any consultation carried out prior to the report being presented for approval)</i></p> <p>Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Executive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SLT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>

Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy, Environment, Housing

Ambition: Environment

- Maximising our influence and opportunities within the East Midlands Combined County Authority to collectively lead the way in moving from fossil to fusion and play our part in achieving our national ambition to achieve net zero by 2050.
- Reducing our carbon footprint whilst supporting and encouraging residents and businesses to do the same.

Ambition: Housing

- Maintaining and improving property and housing management standards and ensuring that standards and living conditions in the district contribute towards better health outcomes for all.
- Maximising our influence and opportunities within the East Midlands Combined County Authority to create affordable, good quality housing options and to retrofit existing homes to be more environmentally sustainable.

DOCUMENT INFORMATION:

Appendix No	Title

Background Papers

(These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Executive, you must provide copies of the background papers).

N/a