

## Record of Urgent Executive Decision(s)

### 1. Subject of decision

Acceptance of a Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme Grant

### 2. Name and Title of Decision Maker

Dame Norma Redfearn DBE – Elected Mayor

### 3. Details of any Conflict of Interest and any Dispensation granted in respect of such Interest

Not applicable

### 4. Executive summary (To be taken from written report)

In July 2019 full Council declared a Climate Emergency, and subsequently, in further acknowledgement of the gravity and urgency of the Climate Emergency, the refreshed Our North Tyneside Council Plan 2021-25, approved by full Council in September 2021.

In keeping with the Authority's drive to achieve Carbon Net Zero by 2030, the Authority applied in late 2023 for, and successfully obtained from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, a capital funding grant to support heat decarbonisation in North Shields Customer First Centre.

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero at extremely short notice informed the Authority that it was required to confirm acceptance of the grant offer by 22 February 2024 which meant that this decision could not appear on the Forward Plan 5 days before this decision was taken.

This meant that an urgent decision needed to be considered and taken by the Elected Mayor in accordance with Part 4.8 of the Authority's Constitution.

## 5. Alternative Options considered

To approve the acceptance of the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme Grant and to grant delegation to the Director of Resources to formally accept and sign the Grant Offer Letter.

Not approve the acceptance of the Public Sector Decarbonisation

## 6. Decision(s)

To approve the acceptance of the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme Grant and to grant delegation to the Director of Resources to formally accept and sign the Grant Offer Letter.

## 7. Reasons for the Decision(s)

By accepting the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme Grant, the Authority will be able to replace gas boilers at the North Shields Customer First Centre with air source heat pumps, significantly reducing the carbon footprint of the building.

This decision is in line with the Authority's aim of achieving net Carbon Net Zero by 2030 and recognition of the Climate Emergency declared by Full Council in July 2019.

## 8. Date Decision Made

21 February 2024

*To be completed by Democratic Services*

## 9. Is this decision subject to call-in and if so expiry date of call-in period

No – see Note below.

## 10. Date of Publication

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## 11. Implementation Date (if decision not called in)

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\*Note – this is an Urgent Decision, as agreed by the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and not subject to call-in, as agreed by the Chair of Council.

The reason for urgency is as follows:

The cut-off date for acceptance of the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme Grant is 22 February 2024 and therefore a decision needed to be taken as a matter of special urgency to accept the grant on offer to the Authority.