

## Record of Urgent Executive Decision(s)

### 1. Subject of decision

**Sustainable Warmth Competition: Local Authority Delivery (LAD3) Funding Bid – grant acceptance and appointment of delivery partner**

### 2. Name and Title of Decision Maker

Norma Redfearn, Elected Mayor

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

N/A

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

On the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 Investment Programme Board requested that the Directors of Regeneration and Economic Development and Environment, Housing and Leisure submit a bid for £4.1 million to The Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) to support the installation of qualifying measures to improve the energy efficiency of homes in North Tyneside, reduce carbon emissions and support the Authority's Climate Emergency response.

On 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 the Authority was notified that this bid had been successful under the Local Authority Delivery Scheme 3 (LAD3) and an award of £3.7 million will be made. Conditions relating to the grant award were subsequently received on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021. The award of grant was conditional on the Authority meeting a deadline of the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021 for entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with BEIS. An extension to this extremely challenging deadline has been negotiated with BEIS to allow time for the Authority's approval process to be completed and the MOU now has to be entered into by 10 December 2021.

It will also be necessary for the Authority to procure and appoint a delivery partner to deliver the qualifying energy efficiency measures. It is proposed that an existing Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) compliant procurement framework be utilised to appoint an appropriate delivery partner.

Following approval by Investment Programme Board on the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021 this report requests that delegated authority be provided to the Director of Regeneration and Economic Development in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing, the Director of Resources and the Director of Law and Governance to sign the MOU on behalf of the Authority, to accept the grant award of £3.7m and for approval to proceed with the appointment of a contractor utilising the provisions of an appropriate OJEU compliant framework.

## 5. Alternative Options considered

The Elected Mayor may not approve the recommendations and not accept the grant of £3.7m

## 6. Decision(s)

The Elected Mayor:

- 1) authorises the Director of Regeneration and Economic Development in consultation with the Director of Commissioning and Asset Management, the Cabinet Member for Housing, the Director of Resources and the Director of Law and Governance to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy to accept the grant award of £3.7 million.
- 2) authorises the Director of Regeneration and Economic Development in consultation with the Director of Commissioning and Asset Management, the Cabinet Member for Housing, the Director of Resources and the Director of Law and Governance to proceed with the appointment of a contractor utilising the provisions of an appropriate Official Journal of the European Union compliant framework.

## 7. Reasons for the Decision(s)

By accepting the grant and appointing an appropriate delivery partner, the Authority can progress towards its declared Climate Emergency and carbon reduction targets. In addition, at least 395 low income and vulnerable households will be assisted in improving the energy efficiency of their homes.

## 8. Date Decision Made

08/12/2021

***To be completed by Democratic Services***

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

NO

**10. Date of Publication**

8/12/2021

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

8/12/2021

\*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:

On 1 November 2021 the Authority was notified that this bid had been successful under the Local Authority Delivery Scheme 3 (LAD3) and an award of £3.7 million will be made.

Conditions relating to grant award were subsequently received on 2 November 2021. The award of grant is conditional on the Authority meeting a very challenging deadline and entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with BEIS and returning associated appendices before the 19 November 2021. A short extension of this deadline (until 10 December 2021) has been negotiated with BEIS to allow for the Authorities appropriate governance process.