

North East Derbyshire District Council

Cabinet

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Green Homes Grant Update

**Report of the Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Transformation & Climate Change
and the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Communities & Communications**

Classification: This report is public

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PURPOSE / SUMMARY

An update on the Local Authority Delivery Green Homes Grant (LAD GHG) phases 1a, 1b and 2 delivery.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) Cabinet notes progress on delivery of the successful Business Energy and Industrial Strategy Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery 1a, 1b and 2 programmes.
- (2) Cabinet notes the brief overview of the proposed Vision Derbyshire Collaboration Project, to deliver large scale climate change interventions across the County.

Approved by the Portfolio Holder – Yes. Cllr Kenyon and Cllr Powell

IMPLICATIONS

Finance and Risk: Yes ☒ No ☐

Details:

The Council has received grant funding to assist in funding of this scheme. The Capital Programme was amended as part of the Medium Term Financial Plan, approved by Council In February 2021, to account for this project.

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes ☒ No ☐

Details:

No issues have been identified with the Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) for all LAD GHG programmes

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Staffing: Yes ☐ No ☒
Details:

None

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

Decision Information	
Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds: BDC: Revenue - £75,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £150,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEDDC: Revenue - £100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £250,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please indicate which threshold applies	No
Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	No
District Wards Significantly Affected	None
Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Cabinet / Executive <input type="checkbox"/> SAMT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes Details: Ward Members

Links to Council Ambition (BDC)/Council Plan (NED) priorities or Policy Framework including Climate Change, Equalities, and Economics and Health implications.

<https://www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/documents/climate-change-action-plan-2019-2030/download> <https://www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/documents/local-plan-examination-library/05-current-planning-documents/council-strategies/cd-csf2-north-east-derbyshire-housing-economic-development-strategy>

REPORT DETAILS

1 **Background** *(reasons for bringing the report)*

North East Derbyshire District Council (NEDDC) has signed the Climate Change Crisis Charter and as a result is committed to becoming Net Zero Carbon by 2050. This report gives an update to the progress which has been made to date and a brief overview on how we wish to develop this idea at a county level.

2. **Details of Proposal or Information**

2.1 Progress to date on the delivery of the Business Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) LAD GHG scheme:

To date there has been an award of £1,620,000 to NEDDC from BEIS LAD 1a and 1b to install external wall insulation to Council owned Hard to Treat (HTT), ex-mining properties. This is being delivered in partnership with Rykneld Homes Limited (RHL) and Sustainable Building Services UK Ltd. To date the 1a project has been successfully delivered and as a result attracted national press interest via BEIS. The 1a project awarded £575,000 and has delivered 115 installations on the Morton Estate.

This has been a very positive result, as the contractors were able to do works over the Christmas period, when traditionally such works would have to stop. This has resulted in the successful delivery well inside of the April 2021 target, despite an extension from BEIS until June 2021. This has enabled attention and resources to be put into the far greater £1,045,000 1b project allocation within NEDDC.

Phase 1b is looking to deliver 209 External Wall Insulations (EWI) installs to various HTT properties across the District. Not only this, NEDDC is also expecting another imminent award of £450,000 through the LAD GHG 2 which is being administered by the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP). This has been earmarked to address a further 88 HTT properties within NEDDC.

The 1b project is due to be finished in September 2021 and the GHG 2 (although not awarded yet) is due in December 2021. Meetings have been held with BEIS and DCC (as accountable body for the LEP) and it is likely that there will be extensions to both award schemes. The Council and Rykneld Homes Limited are still working to meet the timescales above. This has enabled us as a District to develop a good delivery and reporting model that has impressed BEIS.

The 1a project is forecast to save each household approx. £250 per annum on heating and a rough carbon saving of 1.03 Tonnes per property. The total saving forecast for this project for the residents is £25,875 per year with an annual CO2 saving of 118 Tonnes per year. The 1b project will look to save residents £47,025 per year with an overall carbon saving of 215 Tonnes per

year. With the implementation of the LAD 2 project, this equates to a further saving of £19,800 per year and 91 Tonnes CO2 per year.

Should the Council and Rykneld Homes Limited be able to deliver all the works by the end of December 2021, this would deliver a total annual saving to residents of around £92,700 and a total annual carbon saving of 424 Tonnes. This figure will make an impact on the overall Tyndall carbon reduction requirements needed in order to meet the 2050 net zero targets.

In total, the Council will have gained £2,070,000 from BEIS to deliver this vast External Wall Insulation project.

To give an idea of what still needs to be done within the Council owned housing stock, the portfolio consists of approximately 8,000 dwellings of which 3000 are Hard to Treat (HTT). Following the above interventions this removes 414 properties, leaving a further 2,586 yet to be insulated. The success is great, but still highlights the extent of homes that need intervention within the Council's own stock.

2.2 Review of the Vision Derbyshire proposal.

In the background, the Council has been working with the Local Authority Energy Partnership (LAEP) to explore the opportunity to deliver a large County-wide energy efficiency project on behalf of all the Derbyshire District and Borough Councils. To date, there has been support in principle at both Officer and Executive levels from all authorities.

This proposal is looking to develop a collaborative county approach to identifying and delivering thousands of energy efficiency / fuel poverty interventions a year across Derbyshire. The aim is to develop a 'turn key' solution that identifies, bands together and delivers projects that are very attractive to local certified installers. This means that bulk purchases, constant supply chain and industry confidence can be developed in the county. Providing a pipeline of projects will allow employers to invest in and grow their workforce.

NEDDC is looking to lead on this project and act as the host of the hub that would manage the process on behalf of the other Derbyshire authorities. A fee would be levied to cover administration costs, but the outcome would result in potential millions of pounds of investment from central government via LAD 3 and other funding sources.

A report has been produced and is ready to be presented to Derbyshire Chief Executives group, with the expectation that it will be very well received. A survey of officers from the LAEP has already demonstrated that this would be very welcome due to many authorities not having the resource to do this on their own.

The report asks central government to consider giving local authorities more time than the traditional 12 months to spend millions of pounds, in return for the guaranteed quality assured delivery of low carbon and renewable energy technologies. The idea is to give local authorities 5 years to identify and deliver

a first wave of interventions and then turn key into new technologies, such as renewable energy heating, after this period.

The reporting can be fed back directly to BEIS in the same way we successfully do now for the LAD GHG projects. It is proposed that we continue to pursue this in order to get full political support from the County Council and MPs in order to make this a success.

3 Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 To continue to bid for LAD GHG to continue to improve the non-traditional Council housing stock as the Tyndall Forecast data accounts for 51% of CO2 can be taken from all housing carbon reduction interventions.
- 3.2 To be the lead authority on delivering the Vision Derbyshire work, as many of the other Districts / Boroughs within Derbyshire have the same issues with the overall housing stock.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 The option to do nothing was considered but rejected as not in the interests of the Council or the District. Taking action to reduce carbon emissions, through the improvements to the existing housing stock made possible by the Greens Homes Grant, will both make a significant contribution to achieving the Climate Change objectives of the Council Plan 2019-23 and benefit residents.

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
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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 Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)	
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