



Doncaster Council

EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS - DECISION RECORD

The following decision was taken on **11th March 2021** by the:-

Deputy Mayor, Councillor Glyn Jones, Cabinet Member for Housing and Equalities

Date notified to all Members: Thursday, 11th March 2021

End of the call-in period is 5.00 p.m. on Monday, **22nd March 2021**. This decision will not be implemented until after this date and time.

Present: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Glyn Jones - Cabinet Member for Housing and Equalities, Richard J Smith - Head of Sustainability.

Apologies: None

1. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER AND TITLE

Local Authority Delivery Scheme – Phase 2

2. DECISION TAKEN

- a) For the Council to bid for and, if successful, to accept £2m from the governments Phase 2 of the LAD scheme.
- b) To delegate authority to the Director of Economy and Environment, in consultation with the Section 151 Officer and the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Equalities to agree the terms and conditions of the MOU for LAD Phase 2.
- c) For Phase 2 of the LAD scheme to be added to the Council's Capital programme - Economy and Environment (Housing).

3. REASONS FOR DECISION

- a) The deadline for accepting the funding does not allow for 28 days' notice to be given, if the decision was sought post funding award.
- b) The Council has already submitted two successful bids for this type of work. A third will enable the Council to direct resources in the most impactful and beneficial way and maximize the outcomes for some of Doncasters' most vulnerable households.
- c) A third successful bid would enable the Council to seek greater



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social value from its contract, create job and apprentice opportunities as a result of giving continuity of delivery and security to the supply chain.

- d) This will be the first of many housing retrofit schemes which helps move the borough towards its net zero carbon emissions objectives.
- e) The Council will seek to take and maximise inward investment and seek its share of the £2 billion national fund and commence one of many projects that will support a green and just recovery.

4. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Option 1 – Do not bid

- a) Excluding the Council from this funding opportunity limits the potential for the Council to take its fair share for Doncaster residents.
- b) Although the wider GHG scheme of £1.5 billion gives opportunity to access funds for all Doncaster residents, it does not allow for a customer journey to be supported all the way from engagement through to works completed as residents will be made to choose a contractor themselves. This is a process many vulnerable households will struggle to navigate and take decisions on, and gives greater reason for Council involvement and support in the LAD.
- c) Phase 2 would allow delivery of the same type of works and qualifying homes from May 2021, with an end date of 31st December. The absence of Phase 2 would have a major impact on momentum. The supply chain, the Council has worked hard to secure, would be lost.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None

6. IF EXEMPT, REASON FOR EXEMPTION

n/a



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7. RESPECTIVE DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Dan Swaine – Director of Economy and Environment

Signed

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(Cllr Glyn Jones)

Chair/Decision Maker