

DECISION UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

Subject	Home Upgrade Grant (HUG) 2
Officer Requesting Decision	Decarbonisation Projects Officer
Officer Making the Decision	Chief Officer – Communities and Homes
Authority for Decision	<p>Under section 2.5 of Part 2B – Scheme of delegation to officers, each Chief Officer is authorised to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.5 (n) <i>‘Take decisions and any appropriate action, after consultation with any appropriate Chief Officer, in relation to the repair, maintenance and alteration of buildings and plant that is relevant to the service.’</i> And; • 2.5 (b) <i>‘Take any action to maintain the operation and effectiveness of services within their remit.’</i>
Recommendation	To sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) to work together to deliver the HUG2 project in the Rugby area.
Alternatives considered and rejected	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not to participate in the HUG2 scheme and not to access funding to support fuel poor households in the Rugby Borough through the scheme. 2. To carry out separate procurement exercises for all professional and contractor services in order to deliver the scheme. <p>The alternatives were rejected due to supply chain issues, timescales to deliver the scheme and resource issues within RBC.</p>
Decision	Approve
Reason	To deliver the HUG2 scheme within the prescribed timescales as RBC lack the necessary experience, skills and capacity to ensure delivery of the scheme within the prescribed timescales and in compliance with the criteria of PAS 2035.

	<p>The scheme will provide energy efficiency upgrades and low carbon heating to low-income households living in the worst performing off-gas grid homes in the Rugby Borough. This will help to deliver progress towards the statutory fuel poverty targets for England, and enable delivery of the wider Net Zero programme to phase out high-carbon heating for homes off the mains gas grid.</p> <p>WMCA has agreed with MNZH (which is the lead member of a consortium awarded a total of £75.2 million in HUG2 funding), to take responsibility for the funding allocation of Local Authorities in the West Midlands who would otherwise be unable to take up their funding due to resource constraints.</p>
Date	24 th November 2023
Background Papers	Memorandum of Understanding, Data Sharing Agreement, Grant Offer Letter
Decision record kept until	24 th November 2027
Background papers kept until	24 th November 2029

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Dated...24/11/23.....