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If you have any queries or wish to obtain further report information or information on a decision, please refer to:

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LIST REFERENCE: 1/34/20-21

SUBJECT TITLE OF THE REPORT:

INVESTMENT DECISION FOR RE: FIT 2 – ENERGY RETROFITTING IN 10 CORPORATE BUILDINGS USING THE GOVERNMENTS PUBLIC SECTOR DECARBONISATION FUND

Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by decision	Decision taken by	Date Decision comes into effect	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by
Part 1 & 2 (para 3)	Town, Edmonton Green, Grange, Southbury, Ponders End, Bush Hill Park, Enfield Highway, Lower Edmonton	Cllr Maguire (Finance & Procurement)	Thursday 31 December 2020	None	KD 5230	Andrew Whelan Commercial Operations Manager – Sustainability andrew.whelan@enfield.gov.uk 020 8132 1110	Yes Wednesday 30 December 2020

DECISION

AGREED subject to not being called in:

1. Approves the Council's application for PSDF funding of up to £3.475m (for projects costs) + 10% contingency (£347.5k) = (£3.8225m)
2. If the funding application is successful, to delegate to the Executive Director of Place authority to enter into a grant agreement with Salix Finance Ltd to receive grant funding to invest in heat decarbonisation projects in 10 corporate buildings, delivered through the Council's existing RE:FIT programme. To authorise the Executive Director to make adjustments to the amount of grant as necessary.
3. Approves that the Council should also apply for the accompanying Public Sector Low Carbon Skills Fund of up to £347.5k and, if the funding application is successful, to delegate to the Executive Director Place authority to enter into a grant agreement with Salix Finance Ltd to receive grant funding to cover costs to CMFM (10% of the investment cost) to provide the expert construction related technical services to ensure the delivery of the contract works for the PSDF projects.
4. Delegate authority to the Director Property & Economy to deliver the programme of heat decarbonisation projects, including procurement of works and making any revisions to the programme as necessary ensure funding is fully utilised.
5. Note the at risk spend of £14k for the High-Level Appraisal for this specific tranche of projects which will not be recoverable should the Council subsequently decide not to invest.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

1. Do nothing. By doing nothing, the Council would miss the opportunity of investing £3.475m of Government grant funding on heat decarbonisation projects at no cost to the Council that might otherwise not be carried out. These projects would deliver annual carbon savings of approximately 670tCO₂ which would help contribute to the Council's net zero carbon emissions target by 2030.
2. Use alternative sources of public funding provided by Salix Finance Ltd such as our existing Salix Recycling Fund or the Salix Energy Efficiency Loan scheme. In addition to having to return this money in the long term, both these schemes have much more stringent criteria to satisfy in terms of payback periods and £/tCO₂/Lifetime of projects and so cannot be used to invest in heat decarbonisation technologies.
3. Therefore, by applying for the PSDF through an application to Salix Finance Ltd, the Council would be able to finance the heat

decarbonisation project opportunities which it might otherwise not be able to do.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

1. On 30 September 2020, the Government launched its £1bn Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund to stimulate economic recovery brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic downturn. The PSDF would enable the public sector, including local authorities, to invest in capital energy efficiency and heat decarbonisation projects within public sector non-domestic buildings to deliver significant carbon savings while injecting investment in the economy.
2. This strongly aligns with the Department of Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy's mission and priorities: fighting coronavirus, backing business, unleashing innovation and tackling climate change. The scheme will encourage green investment aligning with the Government's Net Zero and clean growth goals.
3. The scheme allows local authorities to apply for a grant to finance up to 100% of the costs of capital energy saving projects that meet the scheme's criteria. The PSDF attracts zero interest and does not have to be repaid.
4. Delivering decarbonisation projects through the PSDF will save energy and carbon and help deliver the Council's Climate Action Plan net zero carbon target for Council operations by 2030 in accordance with its Climate Emergency Declaration. It will also enable the Council to further lead by example and promote its green credentials as a result saving energy and carbon.
5. In addition, the PSDF will help enable the Council to meet its statutory obligations under the Housing and Planning Act 2016 and Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards (MEES) by improving the energy performance of its corporate buildings by changing to heat decarbonisation technologies. After 1 April 2023, property owners must not continue to let any buildings which have an EPC rating of less than E unless an exemption is registered.
6. Furthermore, by not acting, the Council will lose the opportunity invest in approximately £3.475m heat de-carbonization technologies in its corporate buildings, with annual carbon savings of approximately 670 tonnes of carbon dioxide (tCO₂) to help meet the Council's net zero carbon emissions target by 2030.

BACKGROUND

Please note that a copy of the Part 1 report is available on the Council's democracy pages. Part 2 documents will not be available to the press and public.