

## APPENDIX 2

### “Project Mandate”

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Date of issue:

Meeting: Community & Social Affairs Committee

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Service : Regulatory Services

Status:

Subject: *DECC Fuel Poverty Initiatives and Green Deal Scheme*

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#### 1 Purpose of report

To provide funding to homeowners, landlords of residential properties occupied by vulnerable person or persons and some businesses to enable eligible works within the scope of the scheme to be undertaken.

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#### 2 Recommendations

***That approval is given to proceeding with the scheme***

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#### 3 Background

Department of Energy & Climate Change (DECC) opened a bidding competition for fuel poverty and green deal initiatives. Leicestershire submitted a bid in November 2012. In Jan 2013 there was confirmation that approximately £3m had been allocated to Leicestershire, of which up to £387k is allocated to Melton Borough Council.

A condition of the allocation is that the funds are spent before April 2013.

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#### 4 Legal, financial and IT implications

There is a memo of understanding which will need to be signed by participating authorities.

The scheme operates that MBC will need to fund the works up front and that DECC will reimburse any expenditure.

The completion fund will be in excess of any monies that were expected in this financial year. It is of benefit to Melton Borough Council as it will improve properties in the Borough. It is hoped that the cumulative works will contribute to better results in future house condition surveys and improve the lives of

those vulnerable people living in properties with no heating or inadequate heating.

It is requested that the Committee approve the project mandate and business case attached and include the scheme/funding of £387k within the capital programme for 2012/13 subject to further approval by PFA.

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**5 Initial Assessment of risk**

C2 (significant & critical) *MBC need to fund the scheme and DECC will reimburse, funds have been allocated.* DECC may not reimburse all expenditure.

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**6 Equalities and diversity and staffing implications**

An EIA has been completed. The scheme will benefit the fuel poor in the district, primarily.

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