



RECORD OF CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION

Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Decision Ref. No.	PH034
Decision made by	Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities
Decision Title	Award of Contract - Green Energy Grant
Key decision? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expenditure/savings/income over £50K and/or• significant impact 2 or more wards	Yes
Date of decision (same as date form signed)	7 April 2021
Name and job title of Officer requesting the decision	Craig Spence Assistant Director for Housing Management
Officer contact details	cspence@melton.gov.uk
Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To acknowledge the receipt of £340,000 grant funding towards energy efficiency measures to 68 properties within the housing stock.2. Give authority for the Director for Growth & Regeneration to appoint Eon as a Direct Award from Lot 2 & 4 of the Energy Efficiency Framework managed by Fusion 21 for a contract term of up to two years.3. Authority for the Housing Assets Manager to commission works from Eon for planned energy efficiency measures under the Housing Improvement Plan to an aggregate value of up to £691,000 over the life of the Contract. This includes £340,000 grant funding.4. To work in partnership with EON to consider further energy measures and assist with future grant funding applications.5. Authority for Legal Services to review, prepare and complete any associated contract documentation.
Background	The housing stock within Melton Borough Council is aged and there are a number of properties who are off the gas grid and reliant on electric heating. In addition, we have a large number of thermally poor properties and the poorest performing

	<p>properties are those of nonstandard construction. As part of the process to work towards a zero-carbon target we have submitted a bid to the Department for Business, Energy, and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) to fit energy efficiency measures to 68 homes, comprising 24 external wall insulation measures and solar PV to off grid properties.</p> <p>All works identified for the project must be completed by the end of September 2021.</p>
<p>Reason for Decision/Main Considerations</p>	<p>The selection of Eon from the Fusion 21 Framework as a direct award has been made based on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The timescales for the delivery and completion of this project (31st September 2021) makes the direct award from a Framework the only viable option to ensure delivery. • A direct award is a compliant call off option from the Fusion21 Framework • Eon meets Melton Borough Councils brief and specification and are appointed to both Lots 1 & 4 of the Fusion21 Framework • Eon Posses the technical capability and experience to deliver this scheme (appointed to Lots 1 & 4) • Eon Installation Services have been pivotal in assisting with the LAD1B funding application. • Eon Installation Services have previous experience of administrating Government funding schemes and are currently working with Leicester City. • Eon are able to provide a turnkey package reducing the resource time required by MBC staff. <p>Eon have also offered as part of our package the opportunity to receive further grant funds to support additional measures for properties suitable to receive loft insulation or first-time gas central heating systems.</p> <p>The Government is making changes to Energy Efficiency Funding Schemes and there will be the opportunity to submit further bids.</p> <p>Eon have the technical expertise and resources to assist us with defining further projects and make an ideal partner to consider further schemes over the next two years.</p> <p>The procurement process has been conducted in accordance with best practice and the Public Contract Regulations 2015, ensuring the principles of transparency, equity and fairness have been adhered to.</p>
<p>Alternative options rejected</p>	<p>Not to appoint from a framework and procure the works through an open tender – A framework was the preferred route to market given the very tight timescale for delivery.</p>
<p>Legal implications</p>	<p>This is a key decision and has been put on the forward plan under the rolling item," Award of Contracts Under the Housing</p>

Officer/Date provided:	<p>Improvement Plan” and under “Receipt of Green Energy Grant”.</p> <p>The Council has the power to enter into contracts in order discharge its functions (Local Government Act 1972, s111 and the Local Government (contract) Act 1997, s1).</p> <p>The Local Government Act 1972 requires the Council to have regulations for how it enters into contracts. In addition to complying with all relevant UK and EU legislation every contract entered into on behalf of the Council must also comply with the Council’s Contract Procedure Rules and the Council’s Financial Regulations.</p> <p>Procuring via a framework in accordance with the Contract Procedure Rules is a legally compliant method</p>			
Financial implications Officer/Date provided:	<p>The funding of this will be met from the Housing Capital Account in line with the approved Capital Programme. The overall commitment exceeds the annual capital budget but is contained within the 5-year expenditure provision. There is an underspend of £100k forecast in 2020/21 and if this is carried forward into 2021/22 the total spend can be contained within the budget for 2021/22 and 2022/23. The carry forward will be included within the routine annual year end arrangements.</p>			
Other implications	<p>None</p>			
Background papers considered				
List consultees (Where applicable)		Name	Outcome	Date
Ward Councillors				
Legal	Kieran Stockley			
Finance	Dawn Garton			
Human Resources	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Equalities	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Communications	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Confidential Decision? (The decision will be published in its entirety unless it contains exempt information as described in Section 1.4 of the Council’s Access to Information Rules)	<p>No</p>			
Call In Waived by Scrutiny Committee Chair? (Under urgency Procedures) Where urgency procedures used please provide approved urgency notice	<p>Not applicable</p>			
Has this been discussed by	<p>Yes</p>			

Cabinet Members?	
Cabinet Portfolio Holder Signature	Signature redacted Councillor Alan Pearson Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities 7 April 2021
Declarations/conflict of interest?	-

ONCE SIGNED, THIS FORM MUST BE HANDED TO DEMOCRATIC SERVICES IMMEDIATELY.

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Call In Deadline	13 April 2021	