

DECISION TITLE: GREEN DEAL COMMUNITY FUND AREA EXTENSION
COUNCILLOR DAVID SEATON, CABINET MINISTER FOR RESOURCES
May 2014
Deadline date: July 2015

Cabinet portfolio holder: Responsible Director:	Councillor David Seaton, Cabinet Member for Resources John Harrison, Corporate Director, Resources
Is this a Key Decision?	YES If yes has it been included on the Forward Plan : Yes Unique Key decision Reference from Forward Plan : KEY/10JUL15/03
Is this decision eligible for call-in?	YES
Does this Public report have any annex that contains exempt information?	NO
Is this a project and if so has it been registered on Verto?	YES Verto number: PR001648

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:

1. Approve the extension of the 'Heataborough' Green Deal Community Fund Target Area to include other areas in the city with eligible housing stock.
2. Approve the appointment of additional Green Deal Providers who meet the minimum eligibility criteria to help ensure programme delivery.

1. SUMMARY OF MAIN ISSUES

- 1.1 This report relates to the proposed extension of the Green Deal Community programme approved on 27 August 2014 by Cabinet Members Decision 14/CMDN/65 and seeks:
 - Approval for an extension to the 'Heataborough' Green Deal Community Fund Target Area from the initial Target Area set out in 14/CMDN/65 to include other areas in the city with eligible housing stock.
 - Approval of the appointment of additional Green Deal Providers ("GDP"s) to the Green Deal Provider Framework to suppliers who meet the minimum eligibility criteria to help ensure programme delivery as set out in 14/CMDN/65..
 - The Green Deal Provider Framework was set up on a non - exclusive basis with the appointment of two GDPs as detailed within 14/CMDN/65. The two appointed GDPs have not met their forecasted delivery and the Council is at risk of not delivering the programme unless further suppliers are appointment.

- Note that failure to deliver the desired number of 900 installations will result in the Council having to return some of the £3.9 million grant funding obtained from DECC.

2. PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

- 2.1 This report is for the Cabinet Member for Resources, to consider exercising delegated authority under paragraph 3.4.3 of Part 3 of the constitution in accordance with the terms of their portfolio at paragraph (g).

3. TIMESCALE

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If Yes, date for relevant Cabinet Meeting	N/A
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4. DETAILS OF DECISION REQUIRED

- 4.1 The Council was awarded £3.9m by the Department of Energy and Climate Change (“DECC”) from the Green Deal Communities Fund in March 2014 to drive Green Deal initiatives in the city.
- 4.2 It was decided to limit the funding to a Target Area which included 11,000 of the City’s most “hard to treat” properties (in its Gladstone, Millfield, New England and Eastfield ward areas). Due to a low take up of the programme within the Target Area it is recommended that the Target Area is extended to include other areas with hard-to-treat solid wall properties to ensure properties are signed up to Green Deal Finance Plans before the 30 September 2015 deadline set by DECC.
- 4.3. Following Cabinet Members Decision 14/CMDN/65, two GDPs were appointed to deliver the scheme on a non-exclusive basis. To date, neither of these GDPs have met their targets and the Council now runs the risk of not delivering the programme. Consequently it is recommended to include other GDPs who meet the minimum requirements to help reach our targets.

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Consultation has been undertaken with Councillors Khan and Nadeem as Ward Councillors for the area. Councillors Nadeem and Khan have had an active role in the project and have assisted in communication with the local community.
- 5.2 The Corporate Director: Resources has also been consulted.

6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

- 6.1 It is anticipated that as a result of the implementation of the changes to the programme the Council will be in a better position to deliver energy efficiency improvements to over 900 of the hardest to treat properties in the city.

7. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS & ANY RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 7.1 The recommendations are necessary in allowing the Council to move swiftly in treating their 'hard to treat' properties and utilise the full funding allocated to Peterborough City Council by DECC.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 8.1 Doing nothing would mean that we are highly likely to need to return the grant to DECC. This option was discounted on the basis that there is a real need to address energy efficiency in the city and that the Heatatorough scheme offers a generous funded option to enable homeowners and landlords to improve their properties.

9. IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 The long term benefits of the programme are to increase energy efficiency in the area, reduce fuel poverty and contribute to the Council's Home of the Environment Capital ambitions.
- 9.2 The programme will continue to meet the terms of the DECC grant.
- 9.3 The additional Green Deal Providers were assessed for suitability under the same voluntary procurement process as the present Green Deal Providers and therefore it is not necessary to enter a fresh procurement process.

10. DECLARATIONS / CONFLICTS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

Not applicable

11. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Green Deal Community Fund Bid Document

Green Deal Provider Decision Notice

<http://democracy.peterborough.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=967>

