

WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

RECORD OF OFFICER EXECUTIVE DECISION

Date Of Decision	03.09.13
Decision Maker	Ahmed Goga
Brief Description Of Decision	It was agreed that Worcestershire County Council would apply for £2.9m Green Deal Communities funding from the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC). All Worcestershire district councils are partners in bid. Funding to be used to part fund home energy efficiency measures in 'hard to treat' homes in Worcestershire communities that have expressed an interest in taking part in this project. ('Hard to treat' means homes with narrow cavities, those in flood risk areas, those with conservation issues, solid wall, those in off gas areas.) An element of funding also to be used to part fund Green Deal accreditation for local small and micro businesses to enable them to become part of the supply chain.
Reason(s) For Decision	<p>This funding would help support and kick start the Warmer Worcestershire Energy Companies Obligation (ECO) and Green Deal programme due to commence at the end of year pending sign off of contract with delivery partner. It will help to improve thermal comfort and reduce energy bills for local residents including the more vulnerable, such as those at risk of health issues associated with poorly heated property. It will help to generate business for local assessors and installers and help to reduce the county's carbon emissions.</p> <p>The funding from DECC is grant funding, no match funding from Worcestershire local authorities is required. Funding needs to be committed by Dec 2014. The Council will need to produce a report for DECC at the end of the programme.</p>
Alternative Options Considered And Rejected	A number of avenues of funding are being explored by the council for delivery of energy efficient retrofit of the county's building stock including funding via ECO and Green Deal. This is funding option would sit alongside ECO and Green Deal. These funding streams can be used together so it will not be a case of deciding between funding streams.
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