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Committees: Community and Children’s Services Committee	Dates: 16 January 2024 Click here to enter a date. Click here to enter a date.
Subject: Delegated Authority Request - SHDF Consortium Grant Agreement Unique Project Identifier: N/A	Light
Report of: City Surveyor Report Author: Chris Spicer – Housing Programme Manager	For Decision
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Recommendations

<p>1. Next steps and requested decisions</p>	<p>Project Description:</p> <p>COLC have joined a consortium of over 20 London Boroughs being led by London Councils to submit a grant application to the Warmer Homes Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund (WH:SHDF) (Wave 3).</p> <p>The WH:SHDF provides funding to local authorities, combined authorities, registered providers of social housing, and registered charities that own social housing in England to install energy efficiency upgrades and low-carbon heating measures to homes in England.</p> <p>Wave 3 will upgrade a significant amount of the social housing stock to meet an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) band C standard, delivering warm, energy-efficient homes, reducing carbon emissions and fuel bills, tackling fuel poverty, and supporting green jobs.</p> <p>The bid was submitted by London Councils in November 2024. If successful COLC could receive up to £1.74m of grant funding.</p> <p>A key requirement of receiving the grant funding is signing the Grant Agreement Letter. This is expected to require a signature</p>
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	<p>during the pre-election period therefore this report requests that authority to enter into the grant agreement is delegated to the Director of Community & Children's Services.</p> <p>Next Gateway: N/A</p> <p>Next Steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Delegate authority to enter into the Grant Agreement to Director of Community & Children's Services. <p>Requested Decisions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That members approve delegation to Director of Community & Children's Services to enter into a Grant Agreement for WH:SHDF Wave 3 												
<p>2. Resource requirements to reach next Gateway</p>	<table border="1" data-bbox="528 831 1445 1077"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="528 831 762 936">Item</th> <th data-bbox="762 831 983 936">Reason</th> <th data-bbox="983 831 1289 936">Funds/Source of Funding</th> <th data-bbox="1289 831 1445 936">Cost (£)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="528 936 762 1005">N/A</td> <td data-bbox="762 936 983 1005"></td> <td data-bbox="983 936 1289 1005"></td> <td data-bbox="1289 936 1445 1005"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="528 1005 762 1077">Total</td> <td data-bbox="762 1005 983 1077"></td> <td data-bbox="983 1005 1289 1077"></td> <td data-bbox="1289 1005 1445 1077">£</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Costed Risk Provision requested for this Gateway: £0</p>	Item	Reason	Funds/Source of Funding	Cost (£)	N/A				Total			£
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<p>3. Governance arrangements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The governance arrangement will vary across each project. These will be set out in future individual gateway reports. 												

Project Summary

<p>4. Context</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4.1. COLC joined a consortium of London Boroughs, led by London Councils and LB of Camden, to submit a grant application to the Warmer Homes Social Housing Decarbonisation fund 4.2. The grant funding is provided by the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero 4.3. The grant application was submitted in November 2024 and grants are expected to be awarded in early 2025 4.4. A range of projects have been included in the grant application, with a total potential maximum grant award of £1.74m if the consortium bid is successful 4.5. Projects will need to be delivered over a 3 year period running from April 25 to March 28, as required by the project funders 4.6. In order to accept the grant, COLC must signed a grant agreement letter within the funding timelines. As this
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	date falls within the pre-election period, delegated authority to the department Director is required to enter into the grant agreement
5. Brief description of project	5.1. The range of projects identified include replacement windows, improved insulation and replacement of communal gas boilers with new low carbon air source heat pumps
6. Consequences if project not approved	6.1. Loss of up to £1.74m of grant funding 6.2. Implications for HRA as the projects will need to be funded entirely through either CAS or HRA budgets
7. SMART project objectives	7.1. N/A
8. Key benefits	N/A
9. Project category	7a. Asset enhancement/improvement (capital)
10. Project priority	B. Advisable
11. Notable exclusions	None

Options Appraisal

12. Overview of options	Option 1(not recommended). Cancel the project. Do not approve the delegation request Option 2(recommended). Approve delegation to enter into the grant agreement
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Project Planning

13. Delivery period and key dates	Overall project: Three years - 2025 – 2028
14. Risk implications	Overall project risk: Low <i>Provide a brief overview of the level of risk/main risks to the project. Add a brief narrative as to CRP request if you are asking for a risk provision (CRP is not mandatory). Keep this section high-level as detail can be found in the risk register.</i>

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	<p>If the G5 report is to be approved under delegation (light projects only) and you will require CRP for this stage, state your estimated CRP here.</p> <p>Further information available within the Risk Register (Appendix 2)</p>	
15. Stakeholders and consultees	Chamberlains: Finance	Mark Jarvis
	Chamberlains: Procurement	
	Comptroller	Andrew Cusack
	DCCS Property	Peta Caine
	Property specific stakeholders	Peta Caine, Residents (to be engaged with nearer to delivery date of specific estates/projects)

Resource Implications

16. Total estimated cost	<p>Likely cost range (excluding risk): <i>Anticipated lifetime cost to deliver this project (excluding risk). Can be presented as a range.</i></p> <p>Likely cost range (including risk): <i>Estimated cost above + the costed risk against the project</i></p>											
17. Funding strategy	Choose 1: All funding fully guaranteed	Choose 1: Mixture - some internal and some external funding										
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<p>The figures above are based on the current grant application and subject to change.</p>												
18. Investment appraisal	<p>N/A – The request is for delegated authority only</p> <p>Confirm which investment appraisal methodology will be carried out to compare the options. If none, explain why. Consult with Chamberlain’s.</p>											

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19. Procurement strategy/route to market	Not applicable
20. Legal implications	Not applicable
21. Corporate property implications	Investment in energy efficiency and decarbonisation projects is required to meet the targets set by the Climate Action Strategy.
22. Traffic implications	None
23. Sustainability and energy implications	The programme will deliver carbon and energy efficiency improvements across Housing. Further details will be provided in the individual gateway.
24. IS implications	None
25. Equality Impact Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>None</i>
26. Data Protection Impact Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The risk to personal data is less than high or non-applicable and a data protection impact assessment will not be undertaken</i>

Appendices

Appendix 1	None
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