

CONSENT TO URGENT DECISION	PART 1 (to be completed by the person seeking consent)	
Proposed Decision Maker <i>(please name person or body proposing to take decision, if an officer also state title)</i>	Date for Decision	
Cllr Les Caborn, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health	21 September 2017	
Title: Approval for Submission of a bid to the National Energy Action (NEA) Warm and Healthy Homes Fund Partnership.		
<p>Summary of matter</p> <p>The Warm and Well in Warwickshire programme offers advice on staying healthy in cold weather and includes information on energy efficiency, fuel debt, grants and benefits available for vulnerable residents, especially those living in fuel poverty, the elderly and those with long term health conditions. There is a free phone advice line for all residents and a Boilers on Prescription strand that offers physical interventions to eligible residents and evaluates the impact on health and wellbeing from moving out of fuel poverty. The service is provided by a commissioned provider Act on Energy.</p> <p>The Cabinet Portfolio Holder is being asked to agree to extend this work by the submission of a bid, in partnership with Worcestershire County Council (the lead and managing authority) and Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council to the NEA Warm and Healthy Homes Fund in connection with Public Health's Warm and Well in Warwickshire Programme of work. This funding has been offered to the partnership due to an underspend on the NEA Warm and Healthy Homes fund to which Worcestershire, Warwickshire and Solihull Councils submitted a successful bid in 2016/17. This is not, in effect, a new funding bid.</p> <p>The partnership is bidding for a total of £174,000 (approx. £58,000 for Warwickshire) which will support approximately 19 boiler replacements (maximum £3,000 per household) across Warwickshire for vulnerable households. The grant funding would be received and managed by Worcestershire County Council working closely with Act on Energy, who support fuel poverty programmes for all three of the partnership authorities and will be run as per the original programme delivered in 2016/17 and will need to be delivered (heating and insulation measures installed) by the end of February 2018.</p>		
<p>Proposed Decision</p> <p>That the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health approves the submission of the bid to the NEA Warm and Healthy Homes Fund in connection with Public Health's Warm and Well in Warwickshire programme of work.</p>		
<p>Reasons for urgency</p> <p>The invitation to submit bids was issued on 8 September 2017 with a closing date of midday on 27 September 2017. This is a short turnaround time, and officers have been scoping the feasibility of certain elements of the requirements of the bid with partners prior to making the decision to seek approval to go ahead. The timescale given for preparing and submitting bids was therefore too short to follow the usual decision making process.</p>		

Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? *[please identify relevant plan/budget provision]*

No

PART 2 (to be completed by the person giving consent)

Name Councillor Wallace Redford

Office Held Chair of the Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Date consent is given

Initial email response 19.9.17