

<b>CONSENT TO URGENT DECISION</b>	<b>PART 1</b> (to be completed by the person seeking consent)	
<b>Proposed Decision Maker</b> <i>(please name person or body proposing to take decision, if an officer also state title)</i>	<b>Date for Decision</b>	
Councillor Heather Timms / Councillor Peter Butlin	25 Jan 2021	
<b>Title:</b> BEIS Low Carbon Skills Fund and Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme		
<b>Summary of matter</b>  Approval to confirm bids for grant funding from BEIS and receive that funding in the event the application is successful.		
<b>Proposed Decision</b>  That the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Heritage & Culture <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Provides approval for WCC officers to confirm the bid for and commit to acceptance of revenue grant funding for an application made under the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) Low Carbon Skills Fund in the event that the application is successful.</li> <li>2) Provides approval for WCC officers to confirm the bid for capital grant funding for an application made under the BEIS Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS).</li> </ol> That subject to the bid outlined in recommendation 2 being successful the Deputy Leader (Finance and Property): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3) Commits to the acceptance of capital grant funding for an application made under the BEIS Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme and to its subsequent addition to the Capital Programme.</li> </ol>		

## Reasons for Urgency

The decision is required under the Council's urgency procedure owing to.....

Final confirmation of the grant value to be applied for was determined on 11 January 2021. To meet the scheme deadlines, it was necessary to make an application for funding on 11 January 2021. There was not sufficient time to seek and receive portfolio holder approval to apply for both the BEIS Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme and Low Carbon Skills Fund prior to the submission deadline. If the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme bid is successful and accepted it will require addition to the Capital Programme and will need to be spent by 31 March 2021. Therefore, urgent approval is sought to confirm the submission along with the approval to accept any grant monies awarded.

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

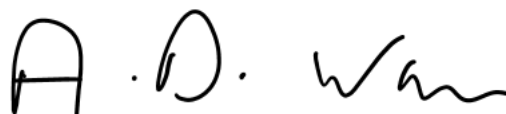
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**PART 2** (to be completed by the person giving consent)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Councillor: Adrian Warwick</b>
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<b>Office Held</b>	<b>Chair of the Resources and Fire and Rescue OSC</b>
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*Signed*



<b>Date consent is given</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
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