

CONSENT TO URGENT DECISION	PART 1 (to be completed by the person seeking consent)	
Proposed Decision Maker	Cllr Margaret Bell	Date for Decision
Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health		
Title: Approval to Bid for Funds from DEFRA Air Quality Grant 2023		
<p>Summary of matter</p> <p>Each year DEFRA offer the opportunity to bid for a portion of the Air Quality Grant to all Local Authorities in England. This year a fund of £7m is available. Individual bids cannot exceed £650,000 or no more than £1m for joint bids. The grant is divided into 2 lots.</p> <p>Warwickshire Public Health would like to bid for funds from Lot 2 which focuses on raising awareness of issues relating to air quality and pollution. This would be targeted at a sample of 25 primary schools shared evenly between the District and Borough Councils. Each school would receive an air quality monitoring system for a 12-month period in conjunction with educational materials and projects for pupils to complete. Both internal and external air quality would be measured. Teachers, pupils and parents would be engaged by this process.</p> <p>The aim would be to improve air quality in schools and raise awareness of such issues locally.</p> <p>The process could be repeated in other schools using the same equipment which could be relocated for another two years at minimal cost. All learning would be shared across the school's estate as the projects develop.</p> <p>The bid would be for £530,250 with a mandatory 10% contribution from Warwickshire County Council. Funding for the Council's mandatory 10% contribution has been identified from within existing resources and therefore does not create an additional budget pressure to be funded as part of the 2023/2024 MTFS.</p>		
<p>Proposed Decision</p> <p>1 That the Portfolio Holder approves the submission of a bid for funding under the Air Quality Grant Scheme 2022/2023 from The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to support a project to introduce systems to monitor internal and external air quality in a sample of primary schools across the county (as set out in Section 3 below).</p>		
<p>Reasons for urgency</p> <p>The closing date for submissions for the grant is midday on 23rd September 2022. Given the relatively short submission window of 8 weeks taking place across the school holiday period, the fact that the proposal relates to school premises, the continued Covid-19 work within Public Health and the added impact on publication dates due to the official mourning period, it has not been possible to meet the usual requirements for publication. Therefore, it is requested that the decision be taken under the urgency procedure pursuant to Standing Order 18 of the Warwickshire County Council Constitution.</p>		
<p>Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? <i>[please identify relevant plan/budget provision]</i></p>		
No		

PART 2 (to be completed by the person giving consent)	
Name	Councillor Clare Golby
Office Held	Chair of the Adult Social Care & Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
	
Date consent is given	16 th September, 2022