


## Decision Record – Approval to Submit a Bid to the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) for its Air Quality Grant Scheme 2019/20

<b>Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking the decision</b>	Councillor Jeff Clarke Transport & Planning
<b>Date of Decision</b>	<b>6 November 2019</b>  

### Decision Taken

That the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning approves the submission of a bid to the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) for funding to support businesses and schools with information and advice to influence travel behaviours to help improve air quality.

### Reasons for Decisions

Bids for outside funding require the approval of the appropriate Portfolio Holder.

### Background Information

Approval is given in relation to a bid for DEFRA funding under its Air Quality Grant Scheme 2019/20. DEFRA is inviting bids from local authorities for the delivery of projects designed to support local authorities to develop and/or implement measures to improve local air quality. Funding is expected to be directed to those local authority areas where DEFRA's national air quality assessment identified and/or predicted an exceedance, and/or that have one or more Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs).

### Financial Implications

Work on finalising the detail of the bid is yet to be completed, however, it is not expected to exceed £250,000. The bid will require a commitment from the County Council to provide match-funding of at least 10%. Therefore, in agreeing to this bid the authority is committing itself, if the bid is successful, to providing match-funding of £25,000. The match-funding will be sourced from within the existing resources of Transport Planning's Transport Development Fund.

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## Checklist

<b>Urgent matter?</b>	No
<b>Confidential or Exempt? (State the category of exempt information)</b>	No
<b>Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?</b>	No

### List of Reports considered

Link to published proposed decision report:

<https://democratic.warwickshire.gov.uk/cm5/Calendarofmeetings/tabid/73/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/410/Meeting/4886/Committee/473/Default.aspx>

### List of Background Papers

N/A

### Members and officers consulted or informed

Portfolio Holder – Councillor Jeff Clarke  
 Corporate Board  
 Legal – Jane Pollard  
 Finance – Virginia Rennie  
 Democratic Services – Paul Williams

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