

## **Individual Member Decision Record**



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Decision Maker:	Councillor Mark Crane, Leader of the Council
Lead Officers:	Stuart Robinson, Head of Business Development and Improvement
Title of Decision:	Contribution of £10,000 from the HRA contingency to bid for funding to develop a plan for decarbonising social housing
Ward(s) Affected:	All
Type of Decision:	<ul> <li>□ Key decision</li> <li>☑ Non key decision discharging (or connected to the discharge of) an Executive function</li> <li>□ Specific delegation from Council or Committee</li> <li>□ Grant of permission / licence</li> <li>□ Affecting the rights of an individual</li> <li>□ Awarding a contract or incurring expenditure which materially affects the financial position of the Council</li> <li>☑ Decision under urgency</li> </ul>
Details of decision:	<ol> <li>£10,000 be drawn from the HRA contingency to contribute to a joint bid for funding to develop a plan to decarbonise social housing and;</li> <li>the Director of Corporate Services and Commissioning be authorised to submit a joint bid with Richmondshire District and Harrogate Borough Councils for funding to develop a plan to decarbonise social housing.</li> </ol>

## Reason for To support developing a plan for decarbonisation of decision: housing stock. Selby DC is working closely with officers from all eight councils in North Yorkshire to develop a new Climate Change Strategy for the new North Yorkshire Council. As part of this, the group is preparing a bid to the York & North Yorkshire Devolution Deal Net Zero Fund around social housing decarbonisation. The bid is seeking £60k with £10k each from Harrogate BC, Richmondshire DC and Selby DC as the three housing stock holding councils to support the development of a social housing decarbonisation plan, to enable the new authority to: a. have a plan; and b. be able to apply to next round of the Social Housing Decarbonisation Programme. It is expected that the resulting plan will be similar to the attached from Arun DC and activity will focus on things like (but not limited to): • Educating tenants on how they can help reduce the impact on the climate. Making our properties better insulated, so they need less energy to heat. Replacing carbon-intense heating systems (such as gas boilers) with less intense systems (such as heat pumps). • Offsetting remaining CO2 with for instance, solar panels on our homes where possible. The bid is to be submitted in the next few days – hence the urgency. Harrogate BC and Richmondshire DC have already committed to each providing £10k funding to support the bid/development of the Plan. Alternative Not applicable. options considered and rejected: None declared. Member Interests: (Name of any Member who has declared a conflict of interest in relation to the

decision and details of any

dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service if appropriate)	
Legal, Financial or other	There are no legal implications.
implications:	Whilst there is a forecast underspend on the HRA for 22/23 (per Q3 report) and no specific calls on the contingency budget have been identified during the year to date, an overspend on the capital programme in respect of boiler replacements is expected. Any further commitments will increase the risk of overspending. Spend will be monitored closely and where possible will be contained within the resources available.
Background papers:	Selby DC Low Carbon Strategy 2021-2030 Arun DC Social Housing Decarbonisation Plan
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Date of Decision:	8 February 2023