
REPORT TO: Cabinet member Housing

DATE: 14 July 2009

DEPARTMENT: Community Services

REPORTING OFFICER: Andrew Ellis (Home Energy Conservation Officer)

SUBJECT: **Agreement to accept funding for heat pump scheme**

WARD/S AFFECTED: All

FORWARD PLAN REF:

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report needs to be considered in the context of ongoing work to bring forward for decision the principle of setting up an extended ground source heat pump scheme for council houses in off-gas areas
- 1.2 This report seeks support for the acceptance of the funding offer of £1.2m subject to certain conditions. Further negotiations will be made with funding providers by officers and a report put forward for final agreement made by Cabinet Member Housing and Cabinet, once the report on the future of the ground source heat pump scheme is decided.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION/S

- 2.1 To note that the principle of an extended heating replacement scheme using ground source heat pumps, for council properties in off-gas areas to assist those households who are most likely to be in fuel poverty, is being put forward in a separate report for future decision.
- 2.2 That the acceptance of a funding offer of £1.2m for the installation of ground source heat pumps is supported, subject to the above conditions and in advance the final decision on extending the use of ground source heat pumps.
- 2.3 That it is agreed that officer draw together a full funding, technical and works package to present to the Cabinet Member and Cabinet for final

decision.

3.0 RECOMMENDED REASON/S FOR DECISION/S

- 3.1 Lower running costs for tenants and lower carbon dioxide outputs can be achieved from introducing this technology. These outcomes both support the corporate objective of Caring for the Environment. A full technical appraisal of the monitoring and maintenance data now available will seek to assess the risks and benefits to both the Council and its tenants, of embarking on a scheme of this size.
- 3.2 To extend the period of negotiation on the full funding package.

4.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTION/S CONSIDERED AND RECOMMENDED FOR REJECTION

- 4.1 The funding offer of £1.2m is rejected at this time and the current negotiations are curtailed

5.0 THE REPORT

5.1 Funding options

- 5.2.1 Applications have been made to the Low Carbon Buildings Programme for funding and an offer of £1178311.7 has been received which requires acceptance by the 16th of July 2009. Conditions relating to the requirement of additional funding being in place would be attached to an acceptance response from Harrogate Borough Council.
- 5.2.2 The additional external funding would be under CERT (Carbon Emission Reduction Target) for fuel switching and innovation funding.
- 5.2.3 Acceptance is subject to conditions on timescales, additional funding being available and internal funding being available, which is the subject of a further report.

6.0 CONCLUSION/S

- 6.1 A scheme to install sustainable heating systems in off-gas properties should be developed, including a risk/benefit analysis informed by the technical review of monitoring and maintenance data arising from the existing installations.
- 6.2 The Low Carbon Buildings Programme Offer should be accepted subject to conditions.
- 6.3 All final acceptance and scheme approval decisions would be made by Cabinet Member and Cabinet.

Background Papers –

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SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT/CRIME AND DISORDER

		Implications are		
		Positive	Neutral	Negative
A	Economy	√		
B	Environment	√		
C	Social Equity			
i)	General	√		
ii)	Customer Care/People with Disabilities	√		
iii)	Health Implications	√		
D	Crime and Disorder		√	

If all comments lie within the shaded areas, the proposal is sustainable