

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS 2014

OFFICER DECISION WRITTEN RECORD

Reference:	OD/(to be added by Democratic Services)
Subject Matter:	Award of UKSPF-funded contracts to assist in the formulation of decarbonisation plans and schemes to reduce greenhouse gases in the district
Date of Decision:	9 th September 2024
Exempt/Confidential information (Yes/No):	No
If Exempt/Confidential – reason why:	n/a
Name of Officer taking decision under delegated authority:	Jonathan Geall, Head of Housing and Health
Source of delegated authority (constitution/express delegation/etc):	At its meeting of 18th January 2023, Council approved the use of UKSPF funds to fund projects in pursuit of delivery of the council's Climate Change Strategy 2022-2026.

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	At the same meeting, Council delegated decision-making on UKSPF-funded climate change projects to the Head of Housing and Health acting in consultation with the Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability.
Exercise of delegated authority approved by: <i>(if different from Officer taking decision)</i>	n/a
Decision:	<p>To fund two projects that will assist the council in producing decarbonisation plans and reduce greenhouse gases in line with the nationally identified outputs and outcomes of the UKSPF programme. The contracts are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £10,000 – the National Energy Foundation (NEF) for a professional service to provide residential decarbonisation plans and manage resultant domestic retrofit works • £9,100 – Jigsaw Power Ltd for the provision of consultancy advice and assistance in the decarbonisation planning for and procurement of a provider to install, manage and maintain a network of electric vehicle

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	chargers in the council's car parks.
Reason(s) for Decision:	The two contracts were subject to competitive procurement and will contribute directly to the delivery of the council's Climate Change Strategy and the UKSPF outputs and outcomes on which the council is required to report to government.
Details of alternative options, if any considered and rejected:	Not commission both or either of the contracts. NOT RECOMMENDED because the council does not have the internal expertise or capacity to deliver these two valuable contributions to the fulfilment of the Climate Change Strategy 2022-26. Not funding these two projects could jeopardise delivery of the council's aspirations for decarbonisation of activities in the district – through, in this case, domestic decarbonisation and encouraging the switch from fossil-fuelled to electric vehicles – to which members have determined the UKSPF monies should be directed.
Name of Officer who has confirmed with all Members involved in taking this decision whether they have pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest:	Jonathan Geall, Head of Housing and Health
Name(s) of any Member who has removed himself/herself from	n/a

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contributing to this decision because of a conflict of interest:	
Signature of Decision Maker (where decision is taken in consultation with a Member):	REDACTED
Signature of Member consulted by Decision Maker (where decision is taken in consultation with a Member):	Support confirmed by Cllr Tim Hoskin, Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability by email 9 th September 2024.

SIGNATURES TO BE REDACTED