

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS 2014

OFFICER DECISION WRITTEN RECORD

Reference:	OD/(to be added by Democratic Services)
Subject Matter:	Environmental Sustainability Grants for Community Buildings
Date of Decision:	17/01/25
Exempt/Confidential information (Yes/No):	No
If Exempt/Confidential – reason why:	n/a
Name of Officer taking decision under delegated authority:	Jonathan Geall
Source of delegated authority (constitution/express delegation/etc):	<p>At its meeting of 18th January 2023, Council approved the use of UKSPF funds to establish a community chest for hyperlocal environmental sustainability projects.</p> <p>At the same meeting, Council delegated decision-making on all environmental grants and contracts to the Head of Housing and Health acting in consultation with the Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability.</p>
Exercise of delegated authority approved by: <i>(if different from Officer taking decision)</i>	n/a

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Decision:	<p>Fund grants for four village halls to contribute to carbon reduction works as identified in decarbonisation plans previously supported by UKSPF-funded carbon reduction assessments. The grants being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parsonage Community Hall - lighting upgrade. £360. - Braughing Old Boys School Community Centre – lighting upgrade. £980. - Nigel Copping – Lighting and smart thermostat - £604.09 <p>Also, to fund the following sustainability project costs as part of the UKSPF activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jigsaw Power- EV Consultancy. £5,370. - SLM – Decarbonisation Plans for Hartham and Grange Paddocks Leisure Centres - £7350 - Contract value extension on Energy Saving Trust e-Learning training to allow a potential of 20 further users to access training. Maximum value increase £600.
Reason(s) for Decision:	<p>The works at the village halls have been identified in decarbonisation assessments conducted by Utility Aid and will contribute to lowering the carbon emissions of the halls.</p> <p>Further work is to be undertaken by Jigsaw Power for the purpose</p>

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	<p>of supporting the technical, commercial, contractual and environmental considerations of the East Herts Electric vehicle Charge Point Operator Concession Contract Procurement.</p> <p>Consultancy work to be funded to provide decarbonisation plans for two leisure centres, Hartham and Grange Paddocks, providing a pathway to further decarbonisation.</p> <p>Provide further capacity for users to receive the Energy Saving Trust e-Learning, in order to support Energy Hub volunteers.</p>
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Details of alternative options, if any considered and rejected:	Not fund all or some of the works. NOT RECOMMENDED because the proposed works will lead to evidence-based carbon reductions in support on the UKSPF outcomes, and/or the council's Climate Change Strategy.
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 contributing to this decision because of a conflict of interest:	n/a

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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):	Agreement provided by Cllr Tim Hoskin, Exec Member for Environmental Sustainability, by email, 27 th January 2025

SIGNATURES TO BE REDACTED