

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS 2014

OFFICER DECISION WRITTEN RECORD

Reference:	OD/(to be added by Democratic Services)
Subject Matter:	UKSPF-funded Environmental Sustainability Grants for Community Buildings
Date of Decision:	04/02/25
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 18 th January 2023, Council approved the use of UKSPF funds to establish a community chest for hyperlocal environmental sustainability projects. 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.
Exercise of delegated authority approved by: <i>(if different from Officer taking decision)</i>	n/a
Decision:	Fund grants for three village halls to contribute to carbon reduction

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	<p>works as identified in their decarbonisation plans previously supported by UKSPF grants for carbon reduction assessments. The grants being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meesden Village Hall LEDs and Heat Recovery - £3,753.00 - Braughing Village Hall Infrared Panels - £11,601.30 - Buntingford Seth Ward Community Centre Infrared Panels - £17,674.99
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. The infrared panels to be installed at Braughing Village Hall and Seth Ward Community Centre in Buntingford ranked highest in carbon saving-to-cost ratio analyses out of all the feasible projects as identified by the Utility Aid decarbonisation plans funded with UKSPF grants. The Meesden Village Hall works also scored highly on the carbon saving-to-cost analysis.</p>
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Details of alternative options, if any considered and rejected:	<p>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</p>

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	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
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 given by Cllr Tim Hoskin, Exec Member for Environmental Sustainability in an email on 4 th February 2025

SIGNATURES TO BE REDACTED