



Combined Authority Board

13 November 2024

Title:	Recommendations from Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee
Committee Date:	4 November 2024
Meeting Link:	Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee 25 October 2024

Agenda Item	GSENGH delivery of Warmer Homes – Local Grant Scheme KD2024/055
Recommendations:	<p>Combined Authority Board is recommended to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• delegate authority to the Executive Director of Place and Connectivity to work with the Chair of ESC to evaluate the engagement evidence and outcome of the risk assessment and to conclude whether to submit an Expression of Interest as the application timeline requires decision between committee dates• approve for 'the GSENGH Hub to apply on behalf of local authorities in the GSENGH Hub consortia to deliver the Warm Homes: Local Grant scheme'.
Voting Arrangements:	A simple majority of voting members
Strategic Objectives:	Enabling resilient communities
Purpose:	<p>The purpose of this paper is to outline a proposed approach to determine whether the GSENGH Hub through CPCA should act as Contracting Authority and Accountable Body for a consortium of local authorities in the GSE region. The GSENGH Hub has delivered previous schemes on behalf of local authorities that do not have the capacity of capability to directly deliver (Sustainable Warmth, HUG2). The GSENGH Hub has experienced significant challenges in the delivery of previous schemes, with reputational and financial risk.</p> <p>This paper asks for the Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee to agree to the GSENGH Hub undertaking a prompt engagement exercise with the Hub Board and consortia members and a risk assessment before a final decision is made to submit an expression of interest as the Contracting Authority and Accountable Body for the Warm Homes: Local Grant. The engagement will ascertain what the impact would have on local authorities seeking to form a consortium with the GSENGH Hub against the risks to the GSENGH Hub and CPCA.</p> <p>The Executive Director of Place & Connectivity will work with the Chair of ESC to consider the feedback from the engagement alongside the risk assessment to conclude the appropriate course of action.</p> <p>If the outcome of the engagement exercise concludes that the GSENGH Hub should submit an expression of interest on behalf of the consortia members, for the ESC to recommend to the CA Board that the GSENGH Hub is approved to bid into the Warm Homes: Local Grant fund on behalf of local authorities that have expressed an interest to join a GSENGH Hub consortia.</p>
Report and Appendices:	Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee 25 October 2024 – Item 13 – GSENGH delivery of Warmer Homes – Local Grant Scheme
Background Papers:	None