

**TITLE: Green Deal Communities Funding**

Committee: Community and Environment

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1.0 ISSUE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to give Members details of the funding awarded to Cambridgeshire in order to deliver the Green Deal Communities Project

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That Members note the details of the Green Deal Communities Project.

3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 The Green Deal is the scheme officially launched by Government on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012, to assist householders to install energy efficiency measures at no up-front cost.

3.2 In addition to Green Deal, grant funding is also available from the Energy Company Obligation (ECO) for more expensive energy efficiency measures, such as solid wall insulation.

3.3 In July 2013, the Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC) made available a £20 million Green Deal Communities Fund (GDCF) for Local Authorities to bid into with projects that would maximise delivery of Green Deal plans and energy efficiency measures.

3.4 During the 2013 Autumn Statement, changes to the ECO were announced, in order to reduce its impact on householders energy bills. As a result DECC increased the value of the GDCF to £80 million, to help support delivery of Green Deal measures.

3.5 The Cambridgeshire Green Deal Partnership submitted a joint bid to the fund, and has been awarded £7.8 million.

4.0 PROJECT DETAILS

4.1 The GDCF projects focuses on a number of different aspects to develop the Green Deal market, and ensure the maximum uptake of energy efficiency measures across Cambridgeshire.

- 4.2 The project targets properties that are 1) off the gas network, 2) in conservation areas, 3) steel framed and 4) rented.
- 4.3 Funding has been provided for
1. £5.6 million for incentives (up to £6000 per property) for insulation of solid wall and hard to treat properties,
  2. £2 million for incentives to Private Sector Landlords to fit energy efficiency improvements,
  3. £99,000 for Installer Training to develop the Green Deal supply chain,
  4. £81,400 for subsidised Green Deal Assessments in initial target streets,
  5. £20,000 for virtual show homes, online videos showing residents what to expect during an energy efficiency retrofit,
  6. £10,000 for show homes in initial target streets.
- 4.4 Within East Cambs, target areas include central Ely conservation area; where innovative solutions to insulation will be required to maintain the character of the area and Littleport; which has the highest incidence of fuel poverty in the district. In addition funding will also be available to any home in the district that is solid wall and off the gas network.

## 5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 ‘ There are no additional financial implications arising from this report
- 5.2 Equality Impact Assessment (INRA) not required

## 6.0 APPENDICES

- 6.1 Huntingdonshire Offer Letter to Residents
- 6.2 Huntingdonshire ‘Sorry We Missed You’ Card

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<u>Background Documents</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact Officer</u>
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