

COUNCIL 14TH FEBRUARY 2024

Cabinet 11th December 2023

80 PHASE 3C PUBLIC SECTOR DECARBONISATION SCHEME (PSDS)

Councillor Patient, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Climate Action, Active Travel and Housing submitted a written report of the Director, Regeneration and Strategy which sought support for a bid submitted to Phase 3c of the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS) for a grant of £1,610,236, which required match funding of £420,392, as part of a total project cost of £2,030,628, to undertake decarbonisation schemes at Victoria Theatre, Halifax Borough Market and Beechwood Library. On 17th January 2022, when considering the corporate estate capital investment requirements, Cabinet recommended that separate business cases for carbon reduction schemes should be submitted for approval by Cabinet and Council when available.

The report had significant financial implications, which go beyond Officers' delegated authority. The project would deliver a saving of 247 tonnes CO₂e per year facilitating progress towards the Council's target of net zero by 2038. Cabinet approval was required prior to the acceptance of the funding, signing the grant agreement, and spending the grant, should the bid be approved.

The report outlined background information, options considered, financial, legal, human resources and organisational development, environmental, health and economic implications.

RESOLVED that it be recommended to the Council that subject to approval of the bid:

(a) the replacement of the heating systems at Victoria Theatre, Halifax Borough Market and Beechwood Library with low carbon alternatives, as detailed in the Director, Regeneration and Strategy's written report be approved;

(b) the sum of £2,030,628 be incorporated into the Council's Capital Programme to deliver the Public Sector Decarbonisation scheme;

(c) the match funding of £420,392 to deliver the scheme be provided as part of the Budget Process for 2024/25;

(d) the Director, Regeneration and Strategy, be given delegated authority, in consultation with the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, to finalise and agree the terms of the grant; and

(e) in the event of the bid being unsuccessful the requirement for capital funding to progress the projects form part of the request for capital funding in respect of the Corporate Estate.

(Parts (a) to (d) only)

Original reports considered can be found on the Council's website as follows:

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