

## COUNCIL 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022

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### 82 PHASE 3 PUBLIC SECTOR DECARBONISATION SCHEME – TODMORDEN SPORTS CENTRE

Councillor Patient, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Climate Change and Resilience presented a written report of the Director, Regeneration and Strategy seeking approval to support a bid to Phase 3 of the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS) for £1.726m as part of a £2.076m decarbonisation scheme at Todmorden Sports Centre. The report had significant financial implications, which went beyond Officers' delegated authority. Cabinet approval was required prior to spending the grant, should the bid be approved.

An opportunity had arisen that would directly support delivery of the Council's priority of tackling the climate emergency, by reducing carbon emissions from the Council's corporate estate, contributing towards the Council's target to be carbon neutral by 2038. The project would deliver a 70% reduction in carbon emissions for the project site (275 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e per annum). Overall, the project would reduce carbon emissions associated with the energy use of the Council's estate by 6% per year, facilitating progress towards the Council target of net zero by 2038. Successful applicants would be able to start spending the grant from 1 April 2022, and projects must be completed no later than 31 March 2023. Unlike Phase 1 of the PSDS, it would seem that no extensions would be given in this round.

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

Councillor Fenton-Glynn, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Adult Services was supportive of the report and advised that the Council should discuss and share more often the incredible work that was being undertaken within the Council's estate to tackle climate change and thanked Officers and Councillor Patient for their leadership and contribution to the work involved.

#### **\*RECOMMENDED AND RESOLVED that:**

(a) subject to approval of the bid the replacement of the heating system at Todmorden Sports Centre with a low carbon alternative, as detailed in the Director, Regeneration and Strategy's written report be endorsed;

**(b) it be recommended to Council that £2.076m be added to the Council capital programme for 2022/23 for the scheme with £350k of this to be funded by prudential borrowing; and**

**(c) it be recommended to Council that the additional £23k revenue funding required to service the borrowing be added to the Council's revenue budget from 2022/23 onwards.**

(Parts (b) and (c) only)

