# EXECUTIVE



# **BURNLEY TOWN HALL**

Wednesday, 15th March, 2023 at 6.30 pm

# PRESENT

#### MEMBERS

Councillors A Anwar (Chair), S Graham (Vice-Chair), J Harbour, M Lishman and M Townsend

#### OFFICERS

Mick Cartledge Lukman Patel Clare Jackson Carol Eddleston

- Chief Executive
- Chief Operating Officer
- Housing Manager
- Democracy Officer

#### 92. Apologies

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Hussain.

#### 93. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting, held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

#### 94. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest in any of the items on the agenda.

#### 95. Delivery Agent Cosy Homes in Lancashire (CHiL)

#### PURPOSE

1. To seek approval for the Council to extend its membership of the Cosy Homes in Lancashire (CHiL) consortium for a further 4 years from April 2023.

2. To seek approval to sign a contract with the appointed delivery agent for the provision of CHiL.

3. To adopt a Lancashire wide Statement of Intent (Appendix 1) so that residents can access Energy Company Obligation (ECO 4 LA flex) funding.

# **REASONS FOR DECISION**

1. To deliver energy efficiency measures and advice to residents through CHiL to reduce fuel poverty.

2. To deliver the Green Homes Grant funding, the Home Upgrade Grants and other financial assistance through CHiL to Burnley residents.

# DECISION

The Executive resolved to:

- 1. Approve the continued membership of the above consortium for a further 4 years from April 2023.
- 2. Delegate authority to the Head of Housing and Development Control in consultation with the Executive Member to negotiate and agree the terms of the delivery agent contract.
- 3. Delegate authority to the Head of Legal and Democratic services to sign the indemnity letter and delivery agent contract.
- 4. Approve the Council's participation in the Lancashire Statement of Intent for ECO 4 LA Flexible Funding.
- 5. Authorise the Head of Housing and Development Control to sign a declaration confirming that a resident of Burnley meets the eligibility criteria for ECO 4 LA Flexible Funding.

# 96. Ex-offenders Government Support Grant

#### PURPOSE

To seek approval to accept the funding award from the Accommodation for Ex-offenders Programme to allow for the continuation of an East Lancashire wide programme of services targeted at reducing repeat offending by accessing settled accommodation and providing support.

# **REASONS FOR DECISION**

- 1. To continue to provide support to ex-offenders to access and sustain their own accommodation with the aim of reduction re-offending in the future.
- 2. To assist the Council to meet its statutory duties to prevent and relieve homelessness.

# DECISION

The Executive resolved to:

- 1. Approve acceptance of the revenue funding award of £232,808 from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to allow for the continuation of funding for 2 x support officer posts working within Calico's Gateway Housing Project and the provision of incentive packages to assist with access into the private rented sector.
- 2. Delegate authority to the Head of Housing and Development Control to negotiate and enter into the relevant agreements with Pendle Borough Council, Rossendale

Borough Council, Hyndburn Borough Council, Ribble Valley Borough Council, as partner local authorities, and Calico Homes as service provider, for the receipt of the funding and the delivery of the services.