



Report of the Sustainable Energy and Air Quality Team

Report to the Director of Resources and Housing

Date: 04/03/2020

Subject: Leeds Air Source Heat Pump Scheme – Exemption From Call-in

Are specific electoral wards affected? If yes, name(s) of ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Has consultation been carried out?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Will the decision be open for call-in?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, access to information procedure rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary

1. Main issues

- This decision relates to Key Decision D50589 to spend £200,000 of Housing Leeds capital funding along with £635,700 external grant funding on a programme to install air source heat pumps in 100 off-gas Housing Leeds properties.
- The decision was published on 20/02/2020 and due to come into effect from 07/03/2020.
- As a result of us missing a deadline to sign the grant contract with the Warm Homes Fund, their offer of external funding was withdrawn. We have since asked them to reconsider, and offered to sign the grant agreement by return of post, which will require us to exempt decision D50589 from call-in.

2. Best Council Plan Implications (click [here](#) for the latest version of the Best Council Plan)

- The Best Council Plan implications are those outlined in the report for decision D50589.

3. Resource Implications

- The resource implications are those set out in the report for decision D50589.

Recommendations

- a) That the Director of Resources and Housing exempts decision D50589 from call-in.

1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to outline the reasons for exempting decision D50589 pertaining to the installation of 100 air source heat pumps in council homes.

2. Background information

- 2.1 On 20/02/2020 key decision D50589 was submitted to the Director of Resources and Housing to spend £200,000 of Housing Leeds capital funding along with £635,700 external grant funding on a programme to install air source heat pumps in 100 off-gas Housing Leeds properties.
- 2.2 The decision was published on 20/02/2020 and due to come into effect from 07/03/2020.

3. Main issues

- 3.1 Due to various issues, the council were unable to meet the deadline provided by the Warm Homes Fund to have the funding agreement with them signed. As a result of this, the Warm homes Fund withdrew their offer of funding.
- 3.2 On 4th March 2020, the Director of Resources and Housing contacted the Warm homes Fund directly asking them to reconsider their position and offering to sign the funding agreement by return.
- 3.3 In order to do this, key decision D50589 will need to be retrospectively exempted from call-in.

4. Corporate considerations

4.1 Consultation and engagement

- 4.1.1 Consultation and engagement has taken place in conjunction with key decision D50589.

4.2 Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

- 4.2.1 Equality and diversity /cohesion and integration screening has taken place in conjunction with key decision D50589.

4.3 Council policies and the Best Council Plan

- 4.3.1 The council policies and Best Council Plan implications are those outlined in the report for decision D50589.

Climate Emergency

- 4.3.2 The climate emergency implications are those outlined in the report for decision D50589

4.4 Resources, procurement and value for money

- 4.4.1 The resources, procurement and value for money implications are those outlined for decision D50589.
- 4.4.2 Additionally, if decision D50589 is not exempted from call-in, we will be unable to meet our commitment to sign the grant agreement with the Warm homes Fund, which will jeopardise the external funding for the scheme as set out in decision D50589.

4.5 Legal implications, access to information, and call-in

- 4.5.1 The legal implications and access to information are as set out in the report for D50589.
- 4.5.2 This decision is not subject to call-in.

4.6 Risk management

- 4.6.1 The risk management implications are those set out in the report for decision D50589.
- 4.6.2 Additionally, if decision D50589 isn't retrospectively exempted from call-in, we will be unable to sign the grant agreement with the Warm Homes Fund, which will jeopardise external funding for the Leeds Air Source Heat Pump Scheme.

5. Conclusions

- 5.1 Failure to exempt decision D50589 retrospectively from call-in will risk the external funding for the Leeds Air Source Heat Pump scheme.

6. Recommendations

- 6.1 That the Director of Resources and Housing retrospectively exempts decision D50589 from call-in.

7. Background documents¹

- 7.1 There are no background documents.

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.