

# North Yorkshire County Council

## Meeting between Corporate Director and Executive Member

18<sup>th</sup> July 2018

### NYCC and Citizens Advice Mid-North Yorkshire Warm Homes Fund Bid

#### Report of the Corporate Director – Health and Adult Services

#### 1.0 Purpose of report

- 1.1 To provide information to enable the Executive Member for Public Health, Prevention and Supported Housing, following consultation with the Corporate Director Health and Adult Services and the Corporate Director Strategic Resources, to authorise the submission of a bid for external funding by NYCC to the Warm Homes Fund, prepared by Citizens Advice Mid-North Yorkshire, to secure monies to pay to: install gas central heating systems into fuel poor urban homes; install non-gas solutions into fuel poor rural homes, and expand the current Warm & Well activity in North Yorkshire

#### 2.0 Issues

- 2.1 The North Yorkshire Seasonal Winter Health Strategy states “We will improve and maintain health during winter months and prevent avoidable ill health and excess winter deaths by working together to reduce fuel poverty and the adverse health effects of cold weather for individuals, families and communities in North Yorkshire.” Public Health has commissioned Citizens Advice Mid-North Yorkshire, to work with partners to coordinate actions across the North Yorkshire Winter Health Partnership implementation group (also known as Warm & Well in North Yorkshire) so that all partners can work together to reduce fuel poverty and the adverse effects of cold weather for individuals, families and communities.
- 2.2 There are three categories relevant to NYCC:
- install gas central heating systems into eligible fuel-poor urban homes
  - install non-gas solutions into eligible fuel-poor rural homes
  - create or expand national or regional programmes which bring together relevant organisations and charities to promote energy efficiency and/or health related programmes in relation to fuel poverty.
- 2.3 Category 1 and 2 monies (the first two bullets in 2.2) are only paid on completion of work.
- 2.4 Category three monies are paid upfront and would provide additional funding for Warm & Well North Yorkshire to deliver more of what they are already doing. This includes: additional home visits, additional capacity in the Single Point of Contact,

more energy advice sessions, more specialist energy advice sessions, more specialist energy debt advice, a practical support assessment programme tailed to older people, emergency home visits, more energy system training, more funds for the Warm & Well emergency fund, more training of front line staff and more publicity.

- 2.5 The Warm Home Fund requires that a bid for funding must be submitted by a local authority or registered social landlord. NYCC is the only eligible body to bid for funding on behalf of the North Yorkshire Winter Health Partnership for work across the county. Other eligible bodies could bid for funding for small geographical parts of the county, but the funder has indicated that one or more bids for small geographical parts of the county would not be successful.

### **3.0 Financial Implications**

- 3.1 The bid will be for a maximum of £1.2m over three years from November 2018.
- 3.2 NYCC would be the accountable body for the grant. NYCC will have an appropriate Accountable Body agreement with Citizens Advice Mid-North Yorkshire in accordance with the Council's Constitution and Financial Procedure Rules.
- 3.3 NYCC would not retain any of the funds or pay any costs.

### **4.0 Legal Implications**

- 4.1 NYCC would be the accountable body for the grant. NYCC will have an appropriate Accountable Body agreement with Citizens Advice Mid-North Yorkshire in accordance with the Council's Constitution and Financial Procedure Rules.

### **5.0 Impact on Other Services/Organisations**

- 5.1 The link between cold homes, fuel poverty and poor health is clear. This funding would pay to alleviate fuel poverty and cold homes and therefore reduce GP consultations, emergency hospital admissions and excess winter deaths.

### **6.0 Risk Management Implications**

- 6.1 See attached the risk register regarding the bid, prepared by Citizens Advice Mid-North Yorkshire.
- 6.2 Citizens Advice Mid-North Yorkshire is a registered charity with a track record of successfully delivering multi-agency partnership projects and programmes. The Accountable Body agreement will ensure that the risks for NYCC are properly managed.

### **7.0 Reasons for Recommendation**

- 7.1 This funding will enable the Warm and Well partnership to deliver more positive interventions to more individuals and families in North Yorkshire and ultimately reduce the number of excess winter deaths in the county.

## **8.0 Recommendation**

- 8.1 That the Executive Member for Public Health, Prevention and Supported Housing, in consultation with the Corporate Director for Health and Adult Services authorises the submission of a bid by NYCC, prepared by Citizens Advice Mid North Yorkshire, for £1.2 million over three years to the Warm Homes Fund.

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Background Documents:

CAMNY Risk Register prepared by Citizens Advice Mid-North Yorkshire