## Executive Decision General Exception Notification



Classification: Unrestricted

**Decision Maker:** Mayor's Executive Decision

**Title of decision to which the notice relates:** LBTH/THH Energy Company Obligation (ECO) Insulation works on HRA Properties (Project 2)

Under the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 – notice is hereby given to the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the intention to make a Key Decision where it is impractical to provide 28 clear days' notice in advance of the decision being taken.

This notification will be published at least 5 clear days before the decision is taken.

## Nature of Decision/Recommendation required:

- Adopt capital estimates for insulation works on HRA properties totalling £2,254,000= funded by a grant from the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC).
- Award the contract for the Energy Company Obligations (ECO) Project to Carillion Energy Services.
- Authorise the Corporate Director Development and Renewal in consultation with Assistant Chief Executive (Legal Services) to settle the terms of the contract with Carillion Energy Services.
- Authorise the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal Services) enter into all necessary document to implement the decisions made in respect of this report.

## Reason why it is impractical to provide 28 clear days' notice of the decision:

The Council is undertaking a programme of fuel poverty/insulation works on HRA properties worth £11.1million of which its own financial contribution is £4.11million. However, the Council only had Capital programme commitment of £1.856million, and the difference of £2.254m being sought by way of a grant. The grant of £2.254m, which must be spent in the 2012/13 financial year has now been secured from Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) – the Council being informed only on 19/12/2012 that the grant application was successful.

Therefore, it is vital that an urgent decision is made because of the high risk of the Council losing the £2.254m DECC grant, and the £7m Carillion is investing into the project as part of the CESP/ECO programme. Such an outcome would be

devastating to residents living in the targeted areas of the programme who already experiencing serious fuel poverty. Additionally, it would entail a missed opportunity to significantly invest in Council's housing in hard economic times, which will inevitably result in further pressures to the HRA in the future.

Signature:	Date:
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