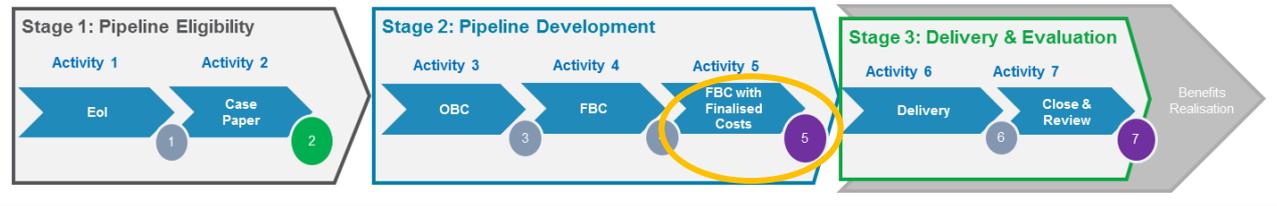


Section A: Scheme Summary

Name of scheme:	Wakefield Warm Homes Fund
Lead organisation:	Wakefield Council
Senior responsible officer:	Mark Hooton, Wakefield Council
Lead promoter contact:	Sarah Johnson, Wakefield Council
Case officer:	Neil Johnson, Combined Authority
Applicable funding stream(s) – Grant or Loan:	Getting Britain Building (GBF) fund
Growth Fund Priority Area (if applicable):	n/a
Approvals to date:	n/a
Forecasted full approval date (decision point 5):	9/12/20
Forecasted completion date (decision point 6):	April 2022
Total scheme cost (£):	£961,000
Combined Authority funding (£):	£661,000
Total other public sector investment (£):	0
Total other private sector investment (£):	0
Is this a standalone project?	Yes
Is this a programme?	No, but part of the wider Council's Home Energy Efficiency Improvement Programme
Is this project part of an agreed programme?	Yes – Home Energy Efficiency Improvement Programme

Current Assurance Process Activity:



Scheme Description:

The new GBF Warm Homes Fund Scheme (the Scheme) builds on the successful track record Wakefield Council has in delivering effective schemes that provide support for low income, fuel poor owner occupied households to:

- Switch from carbon intensive forms of heating, to efficient gas central heating, where no central heating is currently fitted; or
- Upgrade and improve existing heating systems to more efficient, modern heating systems;
- Insulate properties identified as suitable for standard insulation measures.

The target through this scheme is to directly support 271 households across Wakefield with retrofit energy efficiency improvement measures (heating and insulation) by the end of March 2022.

The new scheme will compliment and boost the Council's existing 'Home Energy Efficiency Improvement Programme', which already includes the currently live 'Fuel Poverty Fund' heating improvement schemes, by enabling the installation of additional improvement measures.

Business Case Summary:

Strategic Case	<p>Interventions to improve housing quality, both in and outside of the home can be a highly cost-effective means of improving health outcomes. Every £1 spent on improving warmth in homes occupied by 'vulnerable' households can result in £4 of health benefits.</p> <p>Delivering fuel poverty support as part of the Council's housing offer has a key role to play as part of the economic recovery of the area and this was highlighted in the recently published Wakefield 'Economic Growth and Skills COVID-19 Response Plan' approved at Cabinet on 14 July 2020.</p>
Commercial Case	<p>In 2016 the latest Private Sector Stock Condition Survey and the findings support and justify the need for this type of scheme to improve energy efficiency standards through heating and insulation in order to reduce cold hazards and the risk of fuel poverty. Better energy efficiency means that a home minimises the energy it loses and costs less to keep warm.</p>
Economic Case	<p>These heating measures provide a swift efficient way to provide affordable whole house heating to low-income vulnerable households. As detailed in previous sections extensive scheme delivery experience indicates that there is a need and much demand for these type of heating</p>

	<p>improvements across the area, particularly from households who are unable to afford to make the improvements.</p>
<p>Financial Case</p>	<p>The total cost of the Home Energy Efficiency Improvement Programme as a whole is £0.961 million.</p> <p>The total cost of the scheme that this full business case relates to, which is part of the wider programme, is £661,000.</p> <p>The £661,000 includes the capital cost of installing heating improvements, project support and marketing costs.</p>
<p>Management Case</p>	<p>The Council's Home Energy Efficiency Improvement Programme, which this new Scheme will form part of, is managed by the Energy and Homeowner Support Team based in the Strategic Housing and Regeneration Service and is captured within the overarching Wakefield Housing Plan 2019-22 Programme.</p> <p>The scheme will be managed day-to-day by the Wakefield Council Energy and Homeowner Support Team using established project management techniques.</p> <p>The Better Homes Yorkshire contractors, ENGIE Regeneration, is the main contractor to supervise works and have overall responsibility for delivery of the scheme.</p>