

## Section A: Scheme Summary

<b>Name of Scheme:</b>	Greener Together
<b>Location of Scheme:</b>	Calderdale
<b>Lead Organisation:</b>	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
<b>Applicable Funding Stream(s) – Grant or Loan:</b>	Gainshare Funding
<b>Combined Authority approvals to date:</b>	Indicative approval of £306,604 funding from the Single Investment Fund at Combined Authority in December 2021.
<b>Forecasted Full Approval Date (Decision Point 4):</b>	05 April 2022 Please note - the scheme is seeking decision point 2 (strategic outline case) and decision point 4 (full business case) approval at the same time.
<b>Forecasted Completion Date (Decision Point 5):</b>	31 March 2022
<b>Total Scheme Cost for the preferred way forward (£):</b>	£461,648
<b>WYCA Funding (£):</b>	£306,604
<b>Total other public sector investment (£):</b>	£2,851 (pending decision from Calderdale Adult Learning)
<b>Total other private sector investment (£):</b>	£139,895 from Together Housing Group £12,298 from Energy Saving Trust

<b>Is this a standalone Project?</b>	Yes
<b>Is this a Programme?</b>	No
<b>Is this Project part of an agreed Programme?</b>	No

A.1	Scheme Description
<p>This scheme is a 12 month pilot that will form the basis of a follow on programme of work that will help communities become low carbon. Carbon emissions and waste within these communities will be reduced with a combination of improvements to people's homes and giving residents opportunities for training and skills development to improve their abilities to reduce their energy usage. In addition job focused training in greener technologies will be available, both upskilling a work force and contributing to the creation jobs and careers in the sector. The scheme consists of three interconnected themes:</p> <p><b>My Green Future</b></p>	

One social housing property will be retrofitted with green technologies to improve energy efficiency and lower energy bills. This will start with a whole house fabric first approach, as well as renewable technologies including solar photovoltaic (PV) panels, ground source heat pumps and smart controls. This property and the lessons learned by carrying out these improvements will then be used to plan and upgrade The Together Housing Group's social housing properties.

The property will also be used to show local communities how to make best use of these new energy efficiency technologies to make substantial energy and cost savings, working towards reducing fuel poverty.

### **My Green Place**

Through a series of work based, vocational programmes, residents will gain a range of practical skills which will enable them to live more sustainably, reduce fuel poverty and provide skills for the future which could lead to opportunities to work in the green skills sector. My Green Place will work one to one with individuals, based on each person's specific circumstances. This will link taking care of the environment with taking care of the home and family, alongside a wider strategy of reduce, re-use and recycle. This will build on the idea that one green action will lead to another, unlocking a pattern of more sustainable living.

### **My Green Space**

Training and qualifications in green landscaping will be made available via Lantra accredited courses to members of the community that are currently out of work. Training will take place in shared public spaces in the local community, leading to improvements for local residents whilst allowing people to gain skills, experience and qualifications to enable them to transition into work.

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## **Business Case Summary**

### **Strategic Case**

The strategic case aligns with national, regional and local policies aimed at tackling the climate emergency and enabling clean growth. In 2019, Calderdale Council declared a climate emergency and an Emissions Reduction Pathway for Calderdale has been prepared by Element Energy. Tackling domestic building emissions is a local priority and essential to tackling the climate emergency.

Greener Together will work towards the following targets:

- The need to be retrofitting 2,800 homes in Calderdale each year by 2025.
- 82% of buildings need to be EPC C or better by 2035. This requires 73% of existing homes to get retrofit measures in the next 12 years.
- The need to strengthen supply chains and skills in heat pump technology and to be installing 2,000 heat pumps a year by 2025.

The Calderdale Emissions Pathway report recommends facilities that can act as a "one stop shop" for local people to access support for energy efficiency and low carbon heating. It's also recommends practical demonstration of the benefits of high energy efficiency standards to individuals and their local communities.

In addition, Greener Together supports the following aims of The Calderdale Inclusive Recovery Plan:

- Reducing inequality and the causes of deprivation
- Developing sustainable towns
- Taking action on the climate emergency

The project directly links to the Government's Net Zero ambitions through making improvements to existing housing stock and a focus on training and employment arising from regeneration, especially in renewable energy.

The project also promotes and facilitates taking care of the local environment, with links to taking care of the home and family, encouraging a pattern of more sustainable living. This approach is consistent

with the aims of the Government's Resources and Waste Strategy which supports the efficient use of resources and reducing the amount of waste we create as a society.

The project is aligned with the following Mayoral pledges:

- Tackle the climate emergency and protect our environment.
- Prioritise skills and training to ensure everyone in West Yorkshire has the skills they need to secure work.
- Create 1000 well paid, skilled green jobs for young people.

### **Economic Case**

As this is a pilot scheme an accurate value for money assessment cannot be carried out at this stage. However, the outcomes from this scheme will be used to plan and assess future schemes and detailed evaluation will be carried out to assess the outcomes and benefits. It is anticipated that in the short-term, social and economic value will be created, particularly from the training and qualifications which will enable participants to live more sustainably and thrive within their local communities. Newground CIC (part of the Together Housing Group) has appointed a Social Value Manager to ensure that wider opportunities within the community are maximised.

### **Commercial Case**

Together Housing Group has started the process of procurement of solar panels and heat pumps for installation within the demonstration property. All procurements are carried out in accordance with the Public Contract Regulations and Together Housing Group's internal financial regulations. Social value is embedded within the procurement process, linking directly to Together Housing Group's Social Value Strategy.

### **Financial Case**

The scheme will be funded from Gainshare.

In addition Together housing Group will fund £139,895, Energy Saving Trust will fund £12,298 and funding of £2,851 is pending decision from Calderdale Adult Learning.

### **Management Case**

The scheme will be monitored by the Greener Together Steering Group, which comprises senior representatives of all key stakeholders and is accountable for the overall performance of the scheme. The group will be responsible for ensuring that all outcomes are delivered, ensuring collaboration between partner organisations and reviewing the impact of the scheme.

The project will be staffed using existing resource from partner organisations along with some new posts which are currently being recruited to at partner organisation risk.