

Project Overview

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| Project Title | Better Homes Hub Programme |
| Main Funding Programme | Gainshare allocation for IP4 - Tackling the Climate Emergency and Environmental Sustainability |
| Current Forecast Project cost | £18,425,000 |
| Funding Applied for from the Combined Authority now | up to £2,585,000 |
| Other public sector funding amounts and sources | £0.00 |
| Private sector funding amounts and sources | £0.00 |

Scheme Description

The Better Homes Hub programme has been developed to promote and facilitate retrofit of all housing tenures across West Yorkshire. This includes households that rent their home from social or private landlords, have a mortgage / loan on their home, or own their own home outright.

The retrofitting of housing includes measures such as insulation, solar panels, heat pumps and double and triple glazing, which improve the heat efficiency and air tightness of homes to a good level.

The programme will lead to reductions in CO2 emissions, domestic energy use and fuel poverty across multi tenures. This will contribute to tackling the climate emergency.

The scheme is to be primarily funded from the gainshare allocation for investment priority 4 - Tackling the Climate Emergency and Environmental Sustainability. Longer term, the Better Homes Hub programme will require additional funding beyond the current three-year gainshare funding allocation.

Business Case Summary

Strategic Case

The programme will enable and support the delivery of retrofit measures across all tenures, and will help reduce carbon emissions from domestic housing.

Although progress is being made in the region to retrofit housing, it is not happening at the pace or scale needed. The programme has been designed to accelerate this activity through tackling some of the fundamental challenges in retrofitting properties, including funding limitations and the complexities of renovating housing stock. The challenges have resulted in a limited supply chain and workforce trained to deliver quality retrofits.

Economic Case

Investment needs to be secured to support residents, to alleviate fuel poverty and improve the housing stock in the region. A more detailed Economic Case will be undertaken as part of individual scheme business case development.

Commercial Case

The Better Homes Hub Programme aims to provide long term certainty to the skills providers and supply chain, giving them the confidence to create green jobs, train, and up-skills new and existing staff.

Financial Case

The programme has an indicative total programme forecast cost of £18,425,000. Approval is now sought for a further £2,585,000 of development costs to secure staffing resources, consultancy support, undertake research work, and develop individual scheme business cases.

Management Case

This programme will be managed by the Combined Authority. A programme team has been established to develop and oversee the delivery of work, procure, and manage contractors and suppliers, and will ensure that any/all funding requirements are adhered to.