



Licensing and Regulatory Committee	Thursday, 18 June 2026	Matter for Information
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Report Title: **Warm Homes: Local Grant - Year 1 Output Report
(April 2025 - March 2026)**

Report Author(s): **Baljit Rakkar (Grants Project Officer)**

Purpose of Report:	To provide Members with the outcome of Year 1 of Warm Homes: Local Grant
Report Summary:	The report outlines the number of measures installed in Private Homes across the Borough between the period of April 2025 & March 2026.
Recommendation(s):	That the content of the report be noted.
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Strategic Objectives:	Our Council (SO1) Our Communities (SO2) Our Environment (SO4)
Vision and Values:	"Our Borough - The place to be" (Vision) Excellence - We strive to work to a high standard and deliver high quality services (V2) Accountability - We do what we say and take responsibility for our actions (V3) Customer Focused - We do the best for our customers (V4)
Report Implications:-	
Legal:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Financial:	The implications are as set out at paragraph(s) 1.3, 2.3, 2.4 and 3.1 of this report.
Corporate Risk Management:	Decreasing Financial Resources / Increasing Financial Pressures (CR1) Key Supplier / Partnership Failure (CR2) Reputation Damage (CR4)

	Economy / Regeneration (CR9) Increased Fraud (CR10)
Equalities and Equalities Assessment (EA):	There are no implications arising from this report. EA not applicable
Human Rights:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Health and Safety:	There are no implications directly arising from this report.
Statutory Officers' Comments:-	
Head of Paid Service:	The report is satisfactory.
Chief Finance Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
Monitoring Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
Consultees:	None.
Background Papers:	None.
Appendices:	None.

1. Background of Project

- 1.1 The Warm Homes: Local Grant is a UK Government-funded fuel poverty scheme, funded through the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) and delivered by Local Authorities in England. The scheme aims to improve the energy efficiency of homes and increase low carbon heating installations for low-income households.
- 1.2 The scheme opened in April 2025 and will allocate £500 million to 73 projects across 270 local authorities over the next three years, with delivery ending in March 2028.
- 1.3 Oadby & Wigston Borough council secured just over £940,500 for Warm Homes Local Grant for the term of the project.

2. Year One Performance and Results

- 2.1 Procurement commenced in July 2025 following the provision of the grant funding agreement from the Midlands Net Zero hub, with separate contracts being awarded and signed in January 2026 for retrofit assessment and installation, following best practice guidance from the Midlands Net Zero Hub in relation to installation scrutiny.
- 2.2 Delivery commenced in January 2026 with works required to be completed by 31 March 2026 to coincide with ending of the 25/26 financial year as mandated by DESNZ.
- 2.3 The initial delivery budget for year 1 was £100,000, which was overachieved and a total of £130,388 grant funding was spent.
- 2.4 Overachieving this budget allowed additional funding to be secured equating to £30,388 to support year 1 installations beyond the initial budget scope.
- 2.5 This equated to 11 homes being upgraded to an EPC rating of C and or above and installation of a total of 31 measures. A breakdown of the measures installed is below.

2.6 Measures Installed	
Solar Photovoltaic Array (Solar PV)	10
Ventilation	9
Loft Insulation	10
Cavity Wall Insulation	1
High Retention Storage Heaters	1
Total	31

3. Activity and Projections for Year 2

- 3.1 Moving into Year 2, the budget for installation is £385,937.44 of grant funding.
- 3.2 Installation is forecast for a further 33 Private Homes consisting of both owner occupied and private rented to be upgraded to an EPC rating of C and or above.
- 3.3 Properties are being identified through direct enquiries, and referrals being provided by the Selective Licensing team, when lower rated properties are identified.
- 3.4 Delivery has commenced for year 2 with 8 homes having been upgraded comprising 21 measures being installed. A breakdown of the measures installed are listed below:

3.5 Measures Installed to date (28.05.2026) – Year 2 Delivery	
Solar Photovoltaic Array (Solar PV)	8
Ventilation	8
Loft Insulation	3
Cavity Wall Insulation	0
Batteries for Solar PV	2
Total	21

- 3.6 Given the positive engagement and installation that has already taken place within year 2, the team have significant confidence that the year 2 delivery target of 33 properties will be achieved.
- 3.7 The Grants Project Officer is continually engaging with the Midlands Net Zero hub to try and secure additional funding, with the aim of exceeding our delivery target.