



Report to:

Northwards Housing Board
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Item No:

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Title:	National Change Agency Grants		
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Confidential:	No		
For: (Please tick action required)	NOTING	DISCUSSION	APPROVAL √
PURPOSE OF REPORT			
To inform the Board of the potential for the Framework Agreement – “Impact Manchester” pursuing Business Planning Grant and an Implementation Grant from the Efficiency Challenge Fund via the National Change Agency.			
RECOMMENDATION			
That the Board approve that Impact Manchester applies for both Business Planning grant and if appropriate an Implementation Grant subject to MCC guaranteeing repayment of the Implementation Grant from Capital Programme Efficiencies.			
IMPLICATIONS			
Equality & Diversity:	There are no direct implications of this report		
Financial:	There are no direct financial implications from this report.		
Staffing:	There are no direct staffing implications of this report		
Decency Target:	The efficiency work may assist us in meeting Decency Plus		
Governance:	Efficiency is an important aspect of governance		
Risk Assessment:	The efficiencies may reduce the risk of not fully meeting non Decency Plus standards.		

Equality & Diversity Implications (Please tick where relevant):

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| BME | <input type="checkbox"/> | Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Elderly | <input type="checkbox"/> | Single Parents | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Young | <input type="checkbox"/> | Domestic Violence | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Disability | <input type="checkbox"/> | Alcohol / Drug Mis-users | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Consultation/Consideration:

	Yes, No or N/A:	Name:	Date:
Sub-Committee:	No		
Area Panel:	No		
Task Groups:	No		
Ward Councillors:	No		

- 1) Northwards Housing, Manchester City Council and Parkway Green are forming a Framework Agreement which will be known as Impact Manchester.
- 2) The Government have created a body known as the National Change Agency (NCA) to improve efficiency in procurement and construction. It administers the Efficiency Challenge Fund.
- 3) Impact Manchester wish to bid as a consortium initially for a Business Planning Grant from the Efficiency Challenge Fund. That may lead onto an application for an Implementation Grant. There are clear criteria for this application including both where and what the money can be spent on. The Implementation Grant is a maximum of £200,000 so the Northwards Housing share would be £67,000. These details are included in two papers from NCA available by request from Larry Patrick.
- 4) In each case NCA require an Accountable Body to stand behind the application. Within the Framework, each of the partners need to stand behind their share of the grant.
- 5) There is a further issue for Northwards Housing with regard to the Implementation Grant. If successful, this is repaid from cashable efficiencies within the Capital programme. However, in our case, that Capital Programme is owned by MCC and we thus need MCC to guarantee the sum for Northwards Housing.
- 6) The Director of Property Services has already discussed this matter with MCC who are currently considering the matter.
- 7) This report has been tabled now, to ensure that if we have the necessary Board decision that can be used to facilitate the initial application as soon as the agreement has been reached with MCC.

8) Conclusion

That the Board approve that Impact Manchester applies for both Business Planning grant and if appropriate an Implementation Grant subject to MCC guaranteeing repayment of the Implementation Grant from Capital Programme Efficiencies.