

**LOW CARBON HUB BOARD**

Date: **15<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

Subject: **GREEN DEAL COMMUNITY PROGRAMME**

Report of: **Mark Atherton, GM Director of Environment**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report summarises and evaluates the completed GM Green Deal Communities project under the GM Green Deal and ECO Framework. The report also provides an update on the current position of the Framework.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Board are recommended to:

- i) Note that GM's £6.1m Green Deal Communities Project, one of the largest in the country, has been completed on time, to budget and to agreed outputs.

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<b>TRACKING/PROCESS</b>		<b>[All sections to be completed]</b>
Does this report relate to a Key Decision, as set out in the GMCA Constitution or in the process agreed by the AGMA Executive Board		No
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Are there any aspects in this report which means it should be considered to be exempt from call in by the AGMA Scrutiny Pool on the grounds of urgency?		<b>[Please state any reasons here]</b>
AGMA Commission	TfGMC	Scrutiny Pool
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## 1.0 OVERVIEW

- 1.1 The Green Deal Community (GDC) programme, had a DECC Target of 1,205 completed installs. As of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016, 1,248 GM residents had received Green Deal Community installs (surpassing GM's DECC target by 43 installs), within GM's GDC budget.
- 1.2 In March, DECC reported that GM was the only body (in comparison to other LAs, combined authorities) to have successfully met DECC's Green Deal Communities' target. Greater Manchester completed it's DECC's obligation on delivering on GDC, both for sign ups and completed installs of Green Deal Communities domestic retrofit measures.
- 1.3 At the start of the Green Deal Communities programme nationally 27 LAs/combined authorities in total were awarded funds for this programme. To date only 19 have remained in the programme, the others failed to deliver. Nationally GM are still in the lead as no other LAs/combined authorities have met their DECC target. Please see below the latest data published by DECC.

**Green Deal Communities area performance:**  
**installations to end May 2016**

	Local Authority	% completed against final target
90%+	Greater Manchester Ashfield Dartford Telford Eastleigh South Bucks	100% 99% 93% 93% 92% 90%
70-89%	Broadland Nottingham Woking Nuneaton Leeds Cambridgeshire Plymouth Haringey	88% 86% 86% 83% 80% 75% 73% 72%
50-69%	East Hampshire Suffolk Bath	67% 67% 59%
0-49%	Worcestershire Bristol	38% 26%

- 1.4 GM has submitted final data for the programme to DECC and is in the process of submitting our final report. Currently GM is in the process of closing the finance procedures by ensuring that all relevant parties have received GDC funds due to them. An exit plan has been prepared to share with all ten LAs and the three framework partners to ensure that a clear pathway is available for any future enquires in relation to the programme once it has closed.

## 2.0 EVALUATION OF PROGRAMME

- 2.1 As part of the GDC programme, the University of Salford conducted an independent evaluation of the programme. They interviewed people who have been involved in the programme. A questionnaire was also sent to a sample of residents who had been involved in the programme; over 100 residents completed and returned the questionnaire.
- 2.2 The feedback from the survey has overall been very positive with only a small minority of customers who have had an unsatisfactory experience. The evaluation will form part of the final report submitted to DECC in 2016 on the GDC programme.
- 2.3 The below table sets out completed installs as of 31st March 2016, per LA:

		<b>No. of Households with installed GDC Works 31/03/16</b>		
		<b>EWI</b>	<b>Soft</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Local Authority</b>				
<b>Keepmoat</b>	Bolton	140	17	157
	Bury	31	70	101
	Oldham	121	0	121
	Salford	36	0	36
	Manchester	10	0	10
<b>Total</b>		<b>338</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>425</b>
<b>Wates</b>	Wigan	154	7	161
	Stockport	22	2	24
	Rochdale	217	200	417
<b>Total</b>		<b>393</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>602</b>
<b>Willmott Dixon</b>	Tameside	71	9	80
	Trafford	10	7	17
<b>Willmott Dixon &amp; Wates</b>	Manchester	78	31	109
<b>Total</b>		<b>159</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>206</b>
<b>Misc</b>	<b>Bolton</b>	15	0	15
<b>Total</b>		<b>905</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>1248</b>

- 2.4 A few GM LAs have more streets interested in signing up to GDC that unfortunately are unable to progress due to the GDC budget being now fully allocated. Partners have maintained a waiting list of interested residents in the scenario that existing signed up residents pull out. This has been communicated to DECC.

### **3.0 ECO FRAMEWORK**

#### **3.1 Energy Company Obligation (ECO)**

3.1.1 In December 2015, Keepmoat informed GM that their ECO agreement with their ECO provider EDF had ceased. In January 2016, Keepmoat sourced an alternative ECO provider however in June 2016 this ECO provision ceased.

3.1.2 In March 2016, Willmott Dixon signed an agreement with E.ON who had ring-fenced approximately £2M of ECO funds for GM for this financial year. These funds are to assist low income ECO eligible households towards ECO fully funded/subsidised boiler, loft and cavity wall insulation. GM is working closely with LAs to drive sign up for this offer. The programme is in its initial set up and marketing stage.

#### **3.2 Health**

3.2.1 The GM Environment Team is working closely with GM Dir Public Health with the aim of having a collective approach for fuel poverty across GM. We are engaging with HOG (Housing Officer's Group), GM Fire, PHE Pharmacy campaigns, GM Warm Homes (a task group of the GM Low Carbon Social Housing Group), LAs, CCGs, to coordinate an approach in discussions with Health colleagues.

3.2.2 A task and finish group has been set up comprising of senior members from these organisations. A paper on the impact of cold homes on health was presented to this group and subsequently to the GM Reform Board. More recently the group has drafted a proposed model to address fuel poverty which is currently being reviewed by senior health officers with the intention that a proposal is made for health Transition funds to allow delivery of this model.

### **4.0 FORWARD LOOK**

Over the next Quarter, the GM Environment Team will be:

- circulating an exit plan in the next few weeks for the GDC programme and completing the final report for DECC on GDC.
- monitoring, reviewing progress and providing strategic direction where viable on the GM GD and ECO Framework.
- progressing the work that has started with Health colleagues around tackling fuel poverty in GM.