



Portfolio Holder Decision Notice

Title of decision:	PH-028-22 Direct contract award, via framework, to Wates Group Ltd, to commence works using Social Housing Decarbonisation Funding at Northend properties, which will enable DBC to fulfil condition of grant receipt
Name of Portfolio Holder:	Portfolio Holder for Housing Services
Name of Lead Officer	Ricky Lang, Mechanical and Electrical Team Leader
Proposed date of Decision to be made:	30 August 2022

If part 2, the reason:

Decision:

In 2021 the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS) launched the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund (SHDF). Wave 1 of the funding was designed to assist local authorities delivering retrofit measures to poor performing stock. The Council, in partnership with industry experts Wates, submitted an SHDF application and successfully received £300,000 in funding to deliver retrofit works to four blocks of flats in Northend.

Wates are an industry expert in retrofitting energy measures and their experience was crucial in the successful funding bid. They have delivered similar projects elsewhere in the country and tangible and deliverable projects was a key factor for BEIS when assessing bids. We are in receipt of the funding, but the criteria we need to meet is extensive and Wates can satisfy this through their compliant PAS2035 registered supply chain.

As fuel bills continue to rise we need to be delivering projects that will help to prevent tenants falling in to fuel poverty. This project will significantly improve the thermal efficiency of the buildings by introducing External Wall Insulation, double glazed windows and loft insulation; ventilation will also be installed to prevent overheating and promote air exchange. In addition we are proposing to install Solar PV panels that will directly benefit our tenants by reducing their utility consumption.

