

## OFFICER DECISION RECORD

**General guidance note:** Please complete using Plain English, avoiding acronyms and use of jargon; this will be a published document so please be mindful of a public audience in completing this decision record.

<b>Decision Title:</b> Low Carbon Challenge Fund – Innovative Local Energy Scheme				
<b>Decision reference number:</b> 05.03.22.				
<b>Decision date:</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2022				
Background / reason for decision:				
Delegated authority has been granted to the Combined Authority’s Chief Executive to take decisions on the award of the Innovative Local Energy Scheme (through the Low Carbon Challenge Fund) in consultation with the Chief Executives of the West of England unitary authorities.				
Innovative Local Energy Scheme applications were submitted as follows:				
Applicant	Project	Location	Grant request	Match
<b>Bath &amp; West Community Energy (BWCE)</b>	Solar array, community orchard and wildlife meadow, 100% of the electricity will go to the National Grid.	Fairy Hill, Compton Dando	£250k	£1.2m
<b>Cleveland Pools Trust</b>	Water Source Heat Pump infrastructure for a lido.	Cleveland Pools, Bath	£77k	£88k
<b>BWCE</b>	Rooftop Solar Array with 100% of the generated electricity sold back to the University.	University of Bath, Bath	£250k	£658k
<b>Owen Square Community Energy</b>	Community microgrid with whole house retrofit and electrification for home owners.	Owen Square, Easton, Bristol	£220K	£220k
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£797k</b>	<b>£2.2m</b>
The above applications were assessed by officers against the evaluation criteria. BWCE Fairy Hill and Cleveland Pools were recommended for approval. The Chief Executives of the West of England unitary authorities were consulted on these proposals and were in agreement with the decision.				

**Options considered:**

Not applicable in relation to this specific decision, i.e. this was the option considered.

**Decision:**

To award the following businesses grant as specified in the table below in relation to their Green Business Grant applications.

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<b>Cleveland Pools Trust</b>	Water Source Heat Pump infrastructure for a lido.	Cleveland Pools, Bath	£77k	£88k
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£327k</b>	<b>£1.3m</b>

**Consultation:**

The Chief Executives of the West of England unitary authorities were consulted on these proposals.

**Officer making decision:** Patricia Greer

**Position:** Chief Executive, West of England Combined Authority

**Report / appendices / background documents:**

22-03-24 Green Business Grants CEO paper