



WRITTEN QUESTION FOR SUBMISSION TO MORAY COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY 23 AUGUST 2023

QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR LEADBITTER

Scotland's Public Sector Heat Decarbonisation Fund

To ask what plans the Council has to apply for 80% grant funding from the £20m Scotland's Public Sector Heat Decarbonisation Fund recently announced by the Scottish Government and what projects will be considered?

Link to further information: <https://www.gov.scot/news/new-grant-funding-to-decarbonise-public-sector-buildings/#:~:text=Additional%20support%20for%20net%20zero,external%20organisations%20decarbonise%20their%20buildings.>

RESPONSE

Scotland's Public Sector Heat Decarbonisation Fund will replace the Scottish Energy Efficiency Loan Scheme (Salix loans), effectively moving from loans to direct grant awards. The Council has previously received loans from the Salix fund for LED improvements.

Work is currently being undertaken to develop a business case for decarbonising the heating of 10 corporate assets with the assistance of Mott Macdonald via the Non Domestic Energy Efficiency Framework. The intention is to have a proposal presented to the next Asset Management Working Group outlining potential options for these assets and including the option to pursue grant funding via the Public Sector Heat Decarbonisation Fund. A further update on this will be provided either as a stand alone report or incorporated into the annual energy report to Economic Development and Infrastructure Services Committee in November.