

**BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER URGENCY PROCEDURES**

**Subject:** Decarbonisation of the Artrix using Section 31 grant funding

**Brief Statement of Subject Matter:**

Bromsgrove District Council has submitted a bid for Salix grant funding under Section 31 in order to take action that will result in the decarbonisation of the Artrix building. This grant funding will be spent on the installation in the building of an air source heat pump, solar photovoltaic panels, LED lighting and a Building Energy Management System. These measures are predicted to reduce carbon emissions and energy costs. The grant conditions include delivery of the project by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 at the latest.

**Decision: To endorse the inclusion of the Section 31 grant funding in the capital budget, to be spent on decarbonisation of the Artrix building.**

**Date: February 2021**

**RESOLVED:**

- 1) **The Capital Budget be increased by circa £615,000 to receive the payment of Section 31 grant funding; and**
- 2) **Delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal, Democratic and Property Services following consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services and the Artrix Holding Trust, to administer delivery of the funding in line with the grant conditions.**

**Grounds for Urgency:**

Due to timescales, there was insufficient information to bring a report to Cabinet before an application was submitted in January 2021. The Council was contacted on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and offered funding directly from BEIS (the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy) using Section 31, with a decision on accepting the funding required by 18<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

**DECISION APPROVED BY:**

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Chief Executive

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Section 151 Officer

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Monitoring Officer

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Leader

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