

# PHASE 5 PUBLIC SECTOR LOW CARBON SKILLS FUND

## Schedule 1: Terms and Conditions

These terms and conditions will govern the relationship between Salix Finance Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales with company number 05068355 and whose registered office is at 10 South Colonnade Canary Wharf, London, E14 4PU (**Salix**) and the Recipient in connection with the provision of the Public Sector Low Carbon Skills Fund (**LCSF**) Grant by Salix to the Recipient.

These terms and conditions shall apply to and be incorporated into the LCSF Grant Offer Letter and should be read in conjunction with the LCSF Grant Offer Letter. These terms and conditions, the LCSF Grant Offer Letter and its schedules shall together constitute the **Agreement**.

### 1. Definitions and Interpretation

1.1 In these terms and conditions, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

**Accountable Officer:** the person appointed by the Recipient, and whose identity is approved by Salix, who is responsible for ensuring that the Recipient uses the LCSF Grant in compliance with the Agreement.

**Bribery Act:** the Bribery Act 2010 and any subordinate legislation made under that Act from time to time together with any guidance or codes of practice issued by the relevant government department concerning the legislation.

**Business Day:** a day (other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday) on which commercial banks are open for general business in London.

**Change of Control:** means the sale of all or substantially all the assets of a party to the Agreement; any merger, consolidation or acquisition of a party to the Agreement with, by or into another corporation, entity or person, or any change in the ownership of more than fifty percent (50%) of the voting capital stock of a party to the Agreement in one or more related transactions.

**Data Protection Legislation:** all applicable data protection legislation and privacy legislation in force from time to time in the UK including the GDPR; the Data Protection Act 2018; the Privacy and Electronic Communications Directive 2002/58/EC (as updated by Directive 2009/136/EC) and the Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations 2003 (SI 2003/2426); any other directly applicable European Union regulation relating to privacy; and all other legislation and regulatory requirements in force from time to time which apply to a party relating to the use of Personal Data and the privacy of electronic communications.

**Eligible Expenditure:** the expenditure incurred, or to be incurred, by the Recipient during the LCSF Grant Period in fulfilling the LCSF Grant Purpose, in accordance with the LCSF Grant Application and the Agreement, and which comply in all respects with the eligibility rules set out in Clause 5 of these Terms and Conditions.

**Evidence of Need:** such evidence requested by Salix which Salix considers, in its absolute discretion, provides it with a sufficient level of assurance to demonstrate that the LCSF Grant will be used for Eligible Expenditure.

**UK GDPR:** General Data Protection Regulation ((EU) 2016/679).

**Governing Body:** the governing body of the Recipient including its directors, trustees or equivalent officers.

**Intellectual Property Rights:** all patents, copyrights and design rights (whether registered or not) and all applications for any of the foregoing and all rights of confidence and Know-How however arising for their full term and any renewals and extensions.

**Know-How:** information, data, know-how or experience whether patentable or not and including but not limited to any technical and commercial information relating to research, design, development, manufacture, use or sale.

**LCSF Grant:** the sum, specified in the LCSF Grant Offer Letter, to be paid to the Recipient in accordance with the Agreement.

**LCSF Grant Application:** the application for the LCSF Grant, submitted by the Recipient to Salix, which incorporates the LCSF Grant Application Support Notes, a copy of which is attached at Schedule 7 to the LCSF Grant Offer Letter.

**LCSF Grant Application Support Notes:** any notes or documentation supporting the Recipient's application for the LCSF Grant.

**LCSF Grant End Date:** the date referred to as the 'LCSF Grant End Date' in the LCSF Grant Offer Letter.

**LCSF Grant Offer Letter:** the letter from Salix to the Recipient, setting out the basis upon which the LCSF Grant will be provided to the Recipient.

**LCSF Grant Period:** the period for which the LCSF Grant is awarded starting on the LCSF Grant Start Date and ending on the LCSF Grant End Date.

**LCSF Grant Purpose:** means the 'LCSF Grant Purpose' as described in the LCSF Grant Offer Letter.

**LCSF Grant Start Date:** the date referred to as the 'LCSF Grant Start Date' in the LCSF Grant Offer Letter.

**LCSF Terms and Conditions:** these terms and conditions.

**Payment Date(s):** the date or dates on which a LCSF Grant is made, or is to be made, as set out in Schedule 5 (*Payment Request*) of the LCSF Grant Offer Letter.

**Payment Request:** a request for payment of a LCSF Grant, or part of a LCSF Grant, in the form set out at Schedule 5 (*Payment Request*) to the LCSF Grant Offer Letter.

**Personal Data:** shall have the same meaning as set out in the Data Protection Legislation.

**Procurement Regulations:** the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, Concession Contracts Regulations 2016, Defence Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 and the Utilities and Contracts Regulations 2016 together with their amendments, updates and replacements from time to time.

**Prohibited Act:**

- (a) offering, giving or agreeing to give to any servant of the Crown any gift or consideration of any kind as an inducement or reward for:
  - (i) doing or not doing (or for having done or not having done) any act in relation to the obtaining or performance of the Agreement or any other contract with the Crown; or
  - (ii) showing or not showing favour or disfavour to any person in relation to the Agreement or any other contract with the Crown;
- (b) committing any offence:
  - (i) under the Bribery Act;
  - (ii) under legislation creating offences in respect of fraudulent acts; or
  - (iii) at common law in respect of fraudulent acts in relation to the Agreement or any other contract with the Crown; or
  - (iv) defrauding or attempting to defraud or conspiring to defraud the Crown.

**Public Sector Body:** means a public sector body that is a contracting authority in England as per the definition of "contracting authorities" in the Public Contract Regulations 2015.

**Recipient:** the person named as such in the LCSF Grant Offer Letter.

**Secretary of State:** Secretary of State for the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (and his successors, assigns and transferees).

**Specific Conditions:** any specific conditions set out at Schedule 2 (Specific Conditions) to the Grant Offer Letter.

**VAT:** value added tax payable by virtue of the Value Added Tax Act 1994 and any similar tax from time to time in addition to it, replacing it or performing a similar fiscal function.

- 1.2 In the event of any inconsistency between the LCSF Grant Offer Letter and these Terms and Conditions, the provisions of the LCSF Grant Offer Letter shall prevail. In the event of any inconsistency between these Terms and Conditions and any Specific Conditions, the provisions of the Specific Conditions shall prevail.
- 1.3 Headings do not affect the interpretation of these Terms and Conditions.
- 1.4 Any reference to Salix in these Terms and Conditions includes references to its successors, transferees or assigns.
- 1.5 A reference to a law is a reference to it as it is in force for the time being taking account of any amendment, extension, application or re-enactment and includes any subordinate legislation for the time being in force made under it.
- 1.6 A person includes a natural person, corporate or unincorporated body (whether or not having separate legal personality).
- 1.7 A reference to a Clause is a reference to a clause of these Terms and Conditions.
- 1.8 Unless the context otherwise requires, words in the singular shall include the plural and in the plural include

the singular.

- 1.9 Unless the context otherwise requires, a reference to one gender shall include a reference to the other genders.

#### **Purpose of LCSF Grant**

- 2.1 The Recipient shall use the LCSF Grant only for the LCSF Grant Purpose, in accordance with the LCSF Grant Application and the Agreement. The LCSF Grant shall not be used for any other purpose without the prior written agreement of Salix.
- 2.2 The LCSF Grant is being provided to the Recipient in consideration for the Recipient agreeing to use the LCSF Grant for the LCSF Grant Purpose and agreeing to comply with the Agreement.

#### **Payment of the LCSF Grant**

- 3.1 Subject to Clause 17 of these Terms and Conditions, Salix shall pay an amount not exceeding the LCSF Grant to the Recipient in instalments in the amounts and on the Payment Dates set out in the LCSF Grant Offer Letter, subject to:
- 3.1.1 the Recipient providing Salix with Evidence of Need;
  - 3.1.2 the necessary funds being made available to Salix from the Secretary of State: when payments fall due;
  - 3.1.3 Salix receiving a completed Payment Request signed by the Accountable Officer on behalf of the Recipient no later than 21 Business Days before the proposed Payment Date;
  - 3.1.4 Salix receiving all documents and information which it may, in its absolute discretion, request from the Recipient;
  - 3.1.5 the Recipient complying with any Specific Conditions; and
  - 3.1.6 the further conditions precedent that on each Payment Date:
    - (a) Salix is satisfied, in its absolute discretion, that the confirmations provided by the Accountable Officer on behalf of the Recipient in the Payment Request are true and accurate; and
    - (b) Salix is satisfied, in its absolute discretion and subject to Clause 3.5 below, that the remaining LCSF Grant to be provided is sufficient to meet the remaining costs required for fulfilling the LCSF Grant Purpose.
- 3.2 The Recipient agrees and accepts that payments of the LCSF Grant can only be made to the extent that Salix has been provided with available funds by the Secretary of State.
- 3.3 No Payment Request shall be submitted before the LCSF Grant Start Date.
- 3.4 No LCSF Grant shall be paid unless and until Salix is satisfied that such payment will be used for Eligible Expenditure.
- 3.5 In the event of any overspend by the Recipient in fulfilling the LCSF Grant Purpose, the amount of such overspend shall be met by the Recipient from its own funds unless Salix, in its absolute discretion agrees to increase the LCSF Grant by an amount equal to the overspend.
- 3.6 The LCSF Grant shall be paid into a bank account in the name of the Recipient, the details of which shall be notified to Salix prior to the first Payment Request, which must be an ordinary business bank account.
- 3.7 The Recipient shall not transfer any part of the LCSF Grant to bank accounts which are not ordinary business accounts within the clearing bank system, without the prior written consent of Salix.
- 3.8 The Recipient shall promptly repay to Salix any money incorrectly paid to it either as a result of an administrative error or otherwise as determined by Salix. This includes (without limitation): i) where an incorrect sum of money has been paid, ii) where LCSF Grant monies have been paid before all conditions attaching to the LCSF Grant have been complied with by the Recipient; and iii) any other error/oversight.

#### **Use of the LCSF Grant**

- 4.1 The Recipient shall not use the LCSF Grant to:
- 4.1.1 make any payment to members of its Governing Body;
  - 4.1.2 purchase buildings or land; or
  - 4.1.3 pay for any expenditure commitments of the Recipient entered into before the LCSF Grant Start Date, unless this has been approved in advance in writing by Salix.

- 4.2 The Recipient shall not spend any part of the LCSF Grant on fulfilling the LCSF Grant Purpose after the LCSF Grant Period.
- 4.3 The LCSF Grant Period may be extended with the prior written consent of Salix, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld.
- 4.4 Should any part of the LCSF Grant remain unspent at the end of the LCSF Grant Period, or should any part of the LCSF Grant be provided for items of Eligible Expenditure which subsequently cost less than forecasted, the Recipient shall, unless otherwise agreed in writing by Salix, ensure that any unspent monies are returned to Salix.
- 4.5 Where the Recipient enters into a contract with a third party in fulfilling the LCSF Grant Purpose, the Recipient will remain responsible for paying that third party. Salix has no responsibility for paying the invoices of or sums owed to third parties.
- 4.6 Onward payment of the LCSF Grant and the use of sub-contractors to fulfil the LCSF Grant Purpose shall not relieve the Recipient of any of its obligations under the Agreement.
- 4.7 Any liabilities arising after the Recipient has fulfilled the LCSF Grant Purpose, including but not limited to any redundancy liabilities for staff employed by the Recipient in fulfilling the LCSF Grant Purpose, must be managed and paid for by the Recipient using other resources of the Recipient and not using the LCSF Grant. There will be no additional funding available from Salix for this purpose.

### **Eligibility Rules**

- 5.1 Salix will only pay the LCSF Grant in respect of Eligible Expenditure incurred by the Recipient in fulfilling the LCSF Grant Purpose.
- 5.2 The only costs/payments that will be classified as Eligible Expenditure are those specific items of expenditure set out in the LCSF Grant Application.
- 5.3 The Recipient may not use the LCSF Grant to meet any of the following payments:
  - 5.3.1 paid for lobbying, which means using the LCSF Grant to fund lobbying (via an external firm or in-house staff) in order to undertake activities intended to influence or attempt to influence Parliament, government or political activity; or attempting to influence legislative or regulatory action;
  - 5.3.2 using the LCSF Grant to directly enable one part of government to challenge another on topics unrelated to the agreed purpose of the LCSF Grant;
  - 5.3.3 using the LCSF Grant to petition for additional funding;
  - 5.3.4 expenses specifically aimed at exerting [undue] influence to change government policy, such as for entertaining in this connection,;
  - 5.3.5 input VAT reclaimable by the Recipient from HMRC; and
  - 5.3.6 payments for activities of a political or exclusively religious nature.
  - 5.3.7 contributions in kind;
  - 5.3.8 interest payments or service charge payments for finance leases;
  - 5.3.9 gifts;
  - 5.3.10 entertaining (meaning anything that would be a taxable benefit to the person being entertained, according to current UK tax regulations);
  - 5.3.11 statutory fines, criminal fines or penalties, civil penalties, damages or any associated legal costs;
  - 5.3.12 costs incurred in giving evidence to Parliamentary Select Committees;
  - 5.3.13 costs incurred in attending meetings with government ministers or civil servants;
  - 5.3.14 costs incurred in responding to public consultations or costs incurred in lobbying other people to respond to any such consultation;
  - 5.3.15 costs incurred in providing independent evidence-based advice to local or national government as part of the general policy debate;
  - 5.3.16 payments for works or activities which the Recipient has a statutory duty to undertake, or that are fully funded by other sources;
  - 5.3.17 bad debts to related parties;

- 5.3.18 payments for unfair dismissal or other compensation;
- 5.3.19 depreciation, amortisation or impairment of assets owned by the LCSF Grant Recipient; and/or
- 5.3.20 liabilities incurred before the LCSF Grant Start Date unless expressly agreed by Salix.

#### **Accountable Officer**

- 6.1 The Recipient must appoint an Accountable Officer who is responsible for ensuring that the Recipient uses the LCSF Grant in compliance with the Agreement.
- 6.2 The identity of the Accountable Officer must be approved by Salix prior to utilisation of the LCSF Grant, and the identity of such person shall not change during the LCSF Grant Period without the prior written consent of Salix.
- 6.3 The Accountable Officer must:
  - 6.3.1 maintain oversight of the Recipient's use of the LCSF Grant and safeguard, control and ensure the efficient, economical, effective and permitted/appropriate management of the LCSF Grant;
  - 6.3.2 advise the Recipient on the discharge of the Recipient's responsibilities under the Agreement;
  - 6.3.3 ensure that principles of probity, robust governance, transparency and value for money are maintained at all times in relation to the utilisation of the LCSF Grant;
  - 6.3.4 be responsible for signing each Payment Request;
  - 6.3.5 ensure that conflicts of interest are avoided; and
  - 6.3.6 be responsible for informing Salix as soon as practicable in the event of long absence or leaving the organisation and by providing the name and contact information for the delegated authority in absence or the replacement Accountable Officer respectively, with the responsibilities of the nominees to take effect immediately.

#### **Covenants**

- 7.1 In consideration of the LCSF Grant being given, the Recipient undertakes to Salix:
  - 7.1.1 not to use the LCSF Grant other than for the LCSF Grant Purpose, not to use the LCSF Grant to subsidise any economic activity, and in particular not to use the LCSF Grant to generate revenue or capital gain, or to make any of the payments set out in Clause 5.3;
  - 7.1.2 that it will respond fully, promptly and truthfully (to the best of its knowledge) to any enquiries that Salix may make about the use of the LCSF Grant;
  - 7.1.3 that it shall keep a full, accurate and proper auditable record of all Eligible Expenditure and other costs incurred in fulfilling the LCSF Grant Purpose.
  - 7.1.4 where reasonably specified by Salix, it shall ensure that any information or evidence provided under the Agreement is audited by an identified and independent reporting accountant or otherwise confirmed or verified by a person of such other relevant expertise;
  - 7.1.5 that it will ensure at all times that it has appropriate auditing arrangements in place in relation to the LCSF Grant and its use, which shall include, but shall not be limited to, keeping and maintaining full and accurate records and evidence of the use of the LCSF Grant, including expenses defrayed, and of any third parties indirectly benefitting from the LCSF Grant;
  - 7.1.6 that it will retain the records maintained under Clause 7.1.5 for a period of not less than six years from the LCSF Grant End Date and shall allow Salix access to such records;
  - 7.1.7 that it will provide Salix with any updated information and documentation relating to the cost of fulfilling the LCSF Grant Purpose as soon as it becomes aware of the same;
  - 7.1.8 that all estimates, forecasts and projections provided by the Recipient, or on its behalf, to Salix in connection with the LCSF Grant Purpose have been prepared with due care and skill, are based on information known to it and reasonably expected to be relevant, and are subject only to such assumptions and qualifications as are expressly made;
  - 7.1.9 that it will comply with any Specific Conditions;
  - 7.1.10 that it will ensure that all professional consultants and/or contractors involved in carrying out works in fulfilling the LCSF Grant Purpose hold and maintain appropriate professional indemnity insurance cover in relation to the services carried out or to be carried out and that the Recipient obtains copies of the relevant certificates.

## **Accounts and Records**

- 8.1 The Recipient shall keep accurate and up-to-date accounts and records of the receipt and expenditure of the LCSF Grant monies received by it.
- 8.2 The Recipient shall keep all invoices, receipts and accounts and any other relevant documents relating to the expenditure of the LCSF Grant for a period of at least six years following the LCSF Grant End Date. Salix shall have the right to review, on request, the Recipient's accounts and records that relate to the expenditure of the LCSF Grant and shall have the right to take copies of such accounts and records.
- 8.3 The Recipient shall ensure that all sub-contractors engaged in fulfilling the LCSF Grant Purpose shall retain each record, item of data and document relating to the expenditure of the LCSF Grant for a period of at least six years from the LCSF Grant End Date.
- 8.4 The Recipient shall comply and facilitate Salix's compliance with all statutory requirements as regards accounts, audit or examination of accounts, annual reports and annual returns applicable to itself and Salix.

## **Monitoring and Reporting**

- 9.1 The Recipient shall closely monitor the delivery of the LCSF Grant throughout the LCSF Grant Period to ensure that the Agreement is being adhered to.
- 9.2 The Recipient acknowledges that Salix may monitor the delivery of the LCSF Grant to ensure that the LCSF Grant Purpose is being fulfilled.
- 9.3 A quarterly monitoring report is to be submitted at three-monthly intervals during the LCSF Grant Period, between Grant Start Date and Grant End Date. The Recipient shall provide Salix with a report, signed-off by the Accountable Officer, by the dates stated and containing the information set out in Schedule 4 of the LCSF Grant Offer Letter (*Monitoring Reports*) in respect of the previous calendar month, together with copies of all invoices or other evidence of the total costs and expenses incurred to date.
- 9.4 Where the Recipient has obtained funding from a third party to assist it in fulfilling the LCSF Grant Purpose, the Recipient shall include the amount of such funding in the reports provided pursuant to Clause 9.3 together with details of what that funding has been used for.
- 9.5 The Recipient shall on request provide Salix with such further information, explanations and documents as Salix may reasonably require in order for it to establish that the LCSF Grant has been used properly in accordance with the Agreement.
- 9.6 The Recipient shall permit any person authorised by Salix such reasonable access to its employees, agents, premises, facilities and records, for the purpose of discussing, monitoring and evaluating the Recipient's fulfilment of the conditions of the Agreement and shall, if so required, provide appropriate oral or written explanations from them.
- 9.7 As soon as the LCSF Grant has been spent in full by the Recipient, the Recipient shall provide Salix with a final report which shall confirm whether the LCSF Grant Purpose has been, or is being, fulfilled and which shall contain the information set out in Schedule 4 of the LCSF Grant Offer Letter (*Monitoring Reports*) in respect of the LCSF Grant Period.
- 9.8 The Recipient shall provide Salix with a completed Heat Decarbonisation Plan, or detailed designs, as described in the LCSF Grant Application (*Schedule 7*), on the LCSF Grant End Date which will confirm the LCSF Grant Purpose has been successfully and properly completed.
- 9.9 Completed Heat Decarbonisation Plans will be subject to a completion check process by Salix. The recipient will be expected to engage with Salix during this process to consider and make amendments as appropriate.
- 9.10 The Recipient represents and undertakes in this Agreement (and shall be required to provide the same representations and undertakings on delivery of the relevant report or information):
  - 9.10.1 that the reports and information it gives pursuant to this Clause 9 are accurate;
  - 9.10.2 that it has diligently made full and proper enquiry of the matter pertaining to the reports and information given; and
  - 9.10.3 that any data it provided pursuant to the LCSF Grant Application may be shared within the powers conferred by legislation with other organisations for the purpose of preventing or detecting crime.

## **Receipt of Other Funding Sources**

- 10.1 The Recipient is prohibited from accepting any other public sector or European funding in fulfilling the LCSF Grant Purpose without first obtaining the prior written consent of Salix and the Recipient shall not claim or use any part of the Grant for any purpose other than the delivery of the Heat Decarbonisation Plan or detailed

designs, as described in the LCSF Grant Application (*Schedule 7*).

10.2 The Recipient shall at all times comply with the subsidy control rules applicable in the United Kingdom in fulfilling the LCSF Grant Purpose at the time the LCSF Grant Offer Letter is signed (including, but not limited to, the Subsidy Control Act 2022; The World Trade Organisation Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures; The UK-EU Trade and Co-operation Agreement; and the UK's other Free Trade Agreements) and shall ensure that fulfilling the LCSF Grant Purpose shall not put the Secretary of State and/or Salix in breach of such subsidy control rules.

10.3 The Recipient acknowledges and represents to the Secretary of State and Salix that the LCSF Grant is being awarded on the basis that the LCSF Grant Purpose, and related work being undertaken using the LCSF Grant, should not affect trade in goods and electricity between Northern Ireland and the European Union and shall ensure that the Grant is not used in way that affects any such trade.

10.4. The Grant is awarded on the basis that, in respect of any economic activity delivered in connection with the Grant, it is outside of the scope of the Subsidy Control Act 2022 by virtue of Section 36(1) of that Act and subject to the conditions set out set out in the subsidy control schedule in the Grant Offer Letter. The Grant will be conditional upon the receipt by Salix of the declaration in the subsidy control schedule in the Grant Offer Letter – the Minimal Financial Assistance Exemption.

10.5. If subsidy is awarded:

The Recipient acknowledges and accepts that the Grant is awarded on the basis that the activities being undertaken to deliver the Project are, and will remain, non-economic activities. The Recipient shall ensure that measures are taken (where necessary), and maintained, to ensure that the Grant is not used to cross-subsidise any economic activity.

If no subsidy is being awarded:

This Grant is awarded as a subsidy due to the economic activity declared in the Recipient's Grant Application [OR: as agreed with the Grant Recipient via correspondence dated X.X.2023] and the Recipient will ensure the provisions of Clause 10 of the Schedule 1 Terms and Conditions are complied with during the Grant Period.

10.6 The Recipient is required to obtain and retain all declarations and information as may be required to enable the Recipient, Salix and the Secretary of State to comply with the relevant subsidy control rules which apply, and to provide copies of such declarations and information to the Secretary of State and Salix when required to do so.

10.7 The Recipient shall maintain appropriate records of compliance with the relevant subsidy control regime and shall take all reasonable steps to assist both the Secretary of State and Salix to comply with their obligations to maintain such records and respond to any proceedings or investigation(s) into, or in connection with, the LCSF Grant and/or LCSF Grant Purpose by any relevant court or tribunal of relevant jurisdiction or regulatory body.

10.8 Salix may, if required to do so by the Secretary of State: or any other Governmental body, recover from the Recipient, on demand, any LCSF Grant, plus interest, made in contravention of the applicable subsidy control rules.

10.9 The Recipient shall, if requested by the Secretary of State: or any Governmental body or Salix, repay to the Secretary of State, such Governmental body or Salix, any LCSF Grant, plus interest, made in contravention of the applicable subsidy control rules.

10.10 The Recipient accepts that the Secretary of State and/or Salix may exercise the options referred to in paragraphs 10.6 and 10.7 where the Secretary of State and/or Salix:

10.10.1 is required to cease grant funding or to recover all, or any proportion, of the LCSF Grant or any other amount by virtue of a decision of a court or any equivalent body as a result of the relevant subsidy control rules which apply in domestic UK law; or

10.10.2 has reasonable grounds to consider that the payment of the LCSF Grant, or the Recipient's use of it, contravenes any requirement of law, in particular (but without limitation) the relevant subsidy control rules which apply in domestic UK law.

### **Acknowledgment and Publicity**

11.1 The Recipient shall not publish any material referring to the LCSF Grant Purpose or Salix without the prior written agreement of Salix. The Recipient shall acknowledge the support of Salix in any materials that refer to the LCSF Grant Purpose and in any written or spoken public presentations about the LCSF Grant Purpose. Such acknowledgements (where appropriate or as requested by Salix) shall include Salix's name and logo (or any future name or logo adopted by Salix) using the templates provided by Salix from time to time.

11.2 In using Salix's name and logo, the Recipient shall comply with all reasonable branding guidelines issued by Salix from time to time.

- 11.3 The Recipient agrees to participate in and co-operate with promotional activities relating to the LCSF Grant Purpose that may be instigated and/or organised by Salix.
- 11.4 Salix and the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero may acknowledge the Recipient's involvement in the LCSF Grant Purpose as appropriate without prior notice.
- 11.5 The Recipient shall comply with all reasonable requests from Salix to facilitate visits, provide reports, statistics, photographs and case studies that will assist Salix in its promotional and fundraising activities relating to the LCSF Grant Purpose.

### **Intellectual Property Rights**

- 12.1 Salix and the Recipient agree that all rights, title and interest in or to any information, data, reports, documents, procedures, forecasts, technology, Know-How and any other Intellectual Property Rights whatsoever owned by either Salix or the Recipient before the LCSF Grant Start Date or developed by either party during the LCSF Grant Period, shall remain the property of that party.
- 12.2 Where Salix has provided the Recipient with any of its Intellectual Property Rights for use in connection with the LCSF Grant Purpose (including without limitation its name and logo), the Recipient shall, on termination of the Agreement, cease to use such Intellectual Property Rights immediately and shall either return or destroy such Intellectual Property Rights as requested by Salix.

### **Confidentiality**

- 13.1 Subject to Clause 14 (Freedom of Information), each party shall during the term of the Agreement and thereafter keep secret and confidential all Intellectual Property Rights or Know-How or other business, technical or commercial information disclosed to it as a result of the Agreement and shall not disclose the same to any person save to the extent necessary to perform its obligations in accordance with the terms of the Agreement or save as expressly authorised in writing by the other party.
- 13.2 The obligation of confidentiality contained in this clause shall not apply or shall cease to apply to any Intellectual Property Rights, Know-How or other business, technical or commercial information which:
- 13.2.1 at the time of its disclosure by the disclosing party is already in the public domain or which subsequently enters the public domain other than by breach of the terms of the Agreement by the receiving party;
- 13.2.2 is already known to the receiving party as evidenced by written records at the time of its disclosure by the disclosing party and was not otherwise acquired by the receiving party from the disclosing party under any obligations of confidence; or
- 13.2.3 is at any time after the date of the Agreement acquired by the receiving party from a third party having the right to disclose the same to the receiving party without breach of the obligations owed by that party to the disclosing party.

### **Freedom of Information**

- 14.1 The Recipient acknowledges that Salix is subject to the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs).
- 14.2 The Recipient shall:
- 14.2.1 provide all necessary assistance and cooperation as reasonably requested by Salix to enable Salix to comply with its obligations under the FOIA and EIRs;
- 14.2.2 transfer to Salix all requests for information relating to the Agreement that it receives as soon as practicable and in any event within 2 working days of receipt;
- 14.2.3 provide Salix with a copy of all information belonging to Salix requested in the request for information which is in its possession or control in the form that Salix requires within 5 working days (or such other period as Salix may reasonably specify) of Salix's request for such information; and
- 14.2.4 not respond directly to a request for information unless authorised in writing to do so by Salix.
- 14.3 The Recipient acknowledges that Salix may be required under the FOIA and EIRs to disclose information without consulting or obtaining consent from the Recipient. Salix shall take reasonable steps to notify the Recipient of a request for information (in accordance with the Secretary of State's section 45 Code of Practice on the Discharge of the Functions of Public Authorities under Part 1 of the FOIA) to the extent that it is permissible and reasonably practical for it to do so but (notwithstanding any other provision in the Agreement) Salix shall be responsible (in consultation with DESNZ) for determining whether any information is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the FOIA and/or the EIRs.

### **Data Protection**

- 15.1 Both Parties will comply with all applicable requirements of and all their obligations under the Data Protection Legislation which arise in connection with the Agreement.



## Procurement of Capital Equipment, Goods and Services

16.1 The procurement of all works, equipment, goods and services required to fulfil the LCSF Grant Purpose must be carried out in accordance with the Recipient's internal procurement guidelines and financial regulations, and with all applicable laws including the Procurement Regulations. Salix shall not be liable for the Recipient's failure to comply with its obligations under such guidelines, regulations or laws.

## Withholding, Suspending and Repayment of LCSF Grant

17.1 Salix's intention is that the LCSF Grant will be paid to the Recipient in full. However, without prejudice to Salix's other rights and remedies, Salix may at its discretion reduce, withhold or suspend payment of all or any part of the LCSF Grant and/or require repayment of all or part of the LCSF Grant if:

- 17.1.1 the Recipient has used, or intends to use, all or any part of the LCSF Grant for purposes other than those for which the LCSF Grant has been awarded;
- 17.1.2 the Recipient is, in the reasonable opinion of Salix, fulfilling, or seeking to fulfil, the LCSF Grant Purpose in a negligent manner and/or not in accordance with the general terms (express and implied) of their LCSF Grant Application;
- 17.1.3 the Recipient is fulfilling or seeking to fulfil the LCSF Grant Purpose in a manner that is not in accordance with the LCSF Grant Quality Assurance, as **outlined** in the published Quality Assurance Factsheet and linked in the Heat Decarbonisation Plan guidance or detailed designs resources, as described in the LCSF Grant Application (*Schedule 7*), specifically the elements to be included within the final plan, which are to surpass the minimum standard pass mark on quality checks to be made by the recipient's organisation;
- 17.1.4 in the sole opinion of Salix, the Recipient has not met the terms of the Specific Conditions provided in Schedule 2;
- 17.1.5 the Recipient obtains duplicate funding from a third party in connection with the LCSF Grant Purpose;
- 17.1.6 the Recipient obtains funding from a third party without prior written consent of Salix, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld;
- 17.1.7 the Recipient provides Salix with any materially misleading or inaccurate information and/or any of the information provided in the LCSF Grant Application or in any subsequent correspondence is found to be incorrect or incomplete to an extent that Salix considers to be significant;
- 17.1.8 the Recipient commits or committed a Prohibited Act or fails to report a Prohibited Act to Salix, whether committed by the Recipient or a third party, as soon as they become aware of it;
- 17.1.9 any member of the Governing Body, employee or volunteer of the Recipient has (a) acted dishonestly or negligently at any time and directly or indirectly to the detriment of the LCSF Grant Purpose or (b) taken any actions which, in the reasonable opinion of Salix, bring or are likely to bring Salix's name or reputation into disrepute (and actions include omissions in this context) or (c) transferred, assigned or novated the LCSF Grant to a third party or (d) failed to act in accordance with all applicable laws;
- 17.1.10 the Recipient ceases to operate for any reason, or it passes a resolution (or any court of competent jurisdiction makes an order) that it be wound up or dissolved (other than for the purpose of a bona fide and solvent reconstruction or amalgamation);
- 17.1.11 the Recipient becomes insolvent, or it is declared bankrupt, or it is placed into receivership, administration or liquidation, or a petition has been presented for its winding up, or it enters into any arrangement or composition for the benefit of its creditors, or it is unable to pay its debts as they fall due;
- 17.1.12 in the sole opinion of Salix, the LCSF Grant has been used for illegal subsidy;
- 17.1.13 in the sole opinion of Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs, the Recipient engages in tax evasion or aggressive tax avoidance;
- 17.1.14 Salix is unable to pay the LCSF Grant to the Recipient because it has not been provided by the Secretary of State with sufficient funding to provide the LCSF Grant;
- 17.1.15 in the sole opinion of Salix, there is a financial irregularity within the Recipient which is not rectified within the timescale provided by Salix;
- 17.1.16 The Recipient undergoes a Change of Control which Salix, acting reasonably, considers:
  - a) will be materially detrimental to the Recipient's ability to fulfil the LCSF Grant Purpose; and/or;
  - b) causes, or would cause, the Recipient to be in breach of the Agreement;
  - c) would raise national security concerns; or

17.1.17 the Recipient fails to comply with the Agreement and fails to rectify any such failure within 30 days of receiving written notice detailing the failure;

17.1.18 Salix gives at least 2 months' notice in writing to the Recipient.

17.2 Salix may retain or set off any sums owed to it by the Recipient which have fallen due and payable against any sums due to the Recipient under the Agreement or any other agreement pursuant to which the Recipient provides goods or services to Salix.

17.3 The Recipient shall make any payments due to Salix without any deduction whether by way of set-off, counterclaim, discount, abatement or otherwise.

17.4 Should the Recipient be subject to financial or other difficulties which are capable of having a material impact on its effective fulfilment of the LCSF Grant Purpose or compliance with the Agreement it will notify Salix as soon as possible so that, if possible, and without creating any legal obligation, Salix will have an opportunity to provide assistance in resolving the problem or to take action to protect Salix and the LCSF Grant monies.

### **Anti-discrimination**

18.1 The Recipient shall not unlawfully discriminate within the meaning and scope of any law, enactment, order, or regulation relating to discrimination (whether in race, gender, religion, disability, sexual orientation, age or otherwise) in employment.

18.2 The Recipient shall take all reasonable steps to secure the observance of Clause 18.1 by all servants, employees or agents of the Recipient and all suppliers and sub-contractors engaged in connection with the LCSF Grant Purpose.

### **Human Rights**

19.1 The Recipient shall (and shall use its reasonable endeavours to procure that its staff shall) at all times comply with the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998 in the performance of the Agreement as if the Recipient were a public body (as defined in the Human Rights Act 1998).

19.2 The Recipient shall undertake, or refrain from undertaking, such acts as Salix requests so as to enable Salix to comply with its obligations under the Human Rights Act 1998.

### **Financial Management and Prevention of Bribery, Corruption, Fraud and Other Irregularity**

20.1 The Recipient will at all times comply with all applicable Laws, statutes and regulations relating to anti-bribery and anti-corruption, including but not limited to the Bribery Act.

20.2 The Recipient must have a sound administration and audit process, including internal financial controls to safeguard against fraud, theft, money laundering, counter terrorist financing or any other impropriety, or mismanagement in connection with the administration of the LCSF Grant. Salix may require that the Recipient's internal/external auditors report on the adequacy or otherwise of those processed.

20.3 All cases of fraud, theft or other financial irregularity (whether proven or suspected) relating to the use of the LCSF Grant must be notified to Salix as soon as they are identified. The Recipient shall explain to Salix what steps are being taken to investigate the fraud, theft or financial irregularity and shall keep Salix informed about the progress of any such investigation. Salix may however request that the matter is referred to external auditors or other third parties for investigation as required.

20.4 Salix will have the right, at its absolute discretion, to require that the Recipient addresses any actual or suspected fraud, theft or other financial irregularity and/or to suspend future payment of the LCSF Grant to the Recipient. Any grounds for suspecting fraud, theft or financial irregularity includes what the Recipient, acting with due care, should have suspected as well as what is actually proven.

20.5 For the purposes of this Clause 20, "financial irregularity" includes (but is not limited to) potential fraud or other impropriety, mismanagement, and the use of the LCSF Grant for any purpose other than those stipulated in the Agreement. The Recipient may be required to provide statements and evidence to Salix or the appropriate organisation as part of pursuing sanctions, criminal or civil proceedings.

### **Limitation of liability**

21.1 Salix accepts no liability for any consequences, whether direct or indirect, that may arise from the use of the LCSF Grant or from withdrawal of the LCSF Grant. The Recipient shall indemnify and hold harmless Salix, its employees, agents, officers or sub-contractors with respect to all claims, demands, actions, costs, expenses, losses, damages and all other liabilities arising from or incurred by reason of the actions and/or omissions of the Recipient in relation to the LCSF Grant Purpose, the non-fulfilment of obligations of the Recipient under the Agreement or its obligations to third parties.

21.2 Subject to Clause 21.1, Salix's liability under the Agreement is limited to the payment of the LCSF Grant.

### **Warranties**

22.1 The Recipient warrants, undertakes and agrees that:

22.1.1 it is a Public Sector Body;

22.1.2 it has not committed, nor shall it commit, any Prohibited Act;

22.1.3 it shall at all times comply with all relevant legislation and all applicable codes of practice and other similar codes or recommendations, and shall notify Salix immediately of any significant departure from such legislation, codes or recommendations;

22.1.4 it shall comply with the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and any other acts, orders, regulations and codes of practice relating to health and safety, which may apply to employees and other persons engaged in fulfilling the LCSF Grant Purpose;

22.1.5 it has and shall keep in place adequate procedures for dealing with any conflicts of interest;

22.1.6 it has and shall keep in place systems to deal with the prevention of fraud and/or administrative malfunction;

22.1.7 all financial and other information concerning the Recipient which has been disclosed to Salix is to the best of its knowledge and belief, true and accurate;

22.1.8 it is not subject to any contractual or other restriction imposed by its own or any other organisation's rules or regulations or otherwise which may prevent or materially impede it from meeting its obligations in connection with the LCSF Grant;

22.1.9 it is not aware of anything in its own affairs, which it has not disclosed to Salix or any of Salix's advisers, which might reasonably have influenced the decision of Salix to make the LCSF Grant on the terms contained in the Agreement; and

22.1.10 since the date of its last accounts there has been no material change in its financial position or prospects which would, in the reasonable opinion of Salix, adversely affect the Recipient's ability to fulfil the LCSF Grant Purpose in accordance with the LCSF Grant Application and the Agreement.

### **Change of Control**

23.1 The Recipient shall notify Salix immediately in writing and as soon as the Recipient is aware (or ought reasonably to be aware) that it is anticipating, undergoing, undergoes or has undergone a Change of Control, provided such notification does not contravene any law.

23.2 The Recipient shall ensure that any notification made pursuant to Clause 23.1 shall set out full details of the Change of Control including the circumstances suggesting and/or explaining the Change of Control.

23.3 Where the LCSF Grant has been awarded to a consortium and the Recipient has entered into a collaboration agreement, the notification required under Clause 23.1 shall include any changes to the consortium members as well as the Recipient.

23.4 Following notification of a Change of Control, and unless Salix gave prior consent to the Change of Control, Salix shall be entitled to exercise its rights under Clause 17.1.16 by providing the Recipient with notification of its proposed action in writing within three (3) months of:

23.4.1 being notified in writing that a Change of Control is anticipated or is in contemplation or has occurred;  
or

23.4.2 where no notification has been made, the date that Salix becomes aware that a Change of Control is anticipated or is in contemplation or has occurred.

### **Duration**

24.1 Except where otherwise specified, the terms of the Agreement shall apply from the LCSF Grant Start Date until the anniversary of expiry of the LCSF Grant Period or for so long as any LCSF Grant monies remain unspent by the Recipient, whichever is longer.

24.2 Any obligations under the Agreement that remain unfulfilled following the expiry or termination of the Agreement shall survive such expiry or termination and continue in full force and effect until they have been fulfilled.

### **Assignment**

25.1 The Recipient may not, without the prior written consent of Salix, assign, transfer, sub-contract, or in any other way transfer to any third party the benefit and/or the burden of the Agreement or, except as contemplated as part of the LCSF Grant Purpose, transfer or pay to any other person any part of the LCSF Grant.

**Waiver**

26.1 No failure or delay by either party to exercise any right or remedy under the Agreement shall be construed as a waiver of any other right or remedy.

**Notices**

27.1 All notices and other communications in relation to the Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if personally delivered or mailed (first class postage prepaid) to the address of the relevant party, as referred to above or otherwise notified in writing. If personally delivered all such communications shall be deemed to have been given when received (except that if received on a non-working day or after 5.00 pm on any working day they shall be deemed received on the next working day) and if mailed all such communications shall be deemed to have been given and received on the second working day following such mailing.

**No Partnership or Agency**

28.1 The Agreement shall not create any partnership or joint venture between Salix and the Recipient, nor any relationship of principal and agent, nor authorise any party to make or enter into any commitments for or on behalf of the other party.

**Joint and Several Liability**

29.1 Where the Recipient is not a company nor an incorporated entity with a distinct legal personality of its own, the individuals who enter into and sign the Agreement on behalf of the Recipient shall be jointly and severally liable for the Recipient's obligations and liabilities arising under the Agreement.

**Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999**

30.1 Except as expressly provided in Clause 30.2, the Agreement does not and is not intended to confer any contractual benefit on any person pursuant to the terms of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999, save that the Secretary of State may rely upon and enforce any provision of the Agreement against the Recipient.

30.2 The Agreement is also made for the benefit of the Secretary of State from time to time and all provisions of the Agreement shall be enforceable by the Secretary of State to the fullest extent permitted by law as if they were a party to the Agreement in place of Salix.

**Governing Law**

31.1 The Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of England and the parties irrevocably submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.

**Entire Agreement**

32.1 The Agreement (together with all documents attached to or referred to within it) constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the parties in relation to the LCSF Grant and supersedes any previous agreement or understanding between them in relation to such subject matter.