

Conditions: guidance

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Introduction

As outlined in *Schedule 2* of your Scotland's Public Sector Heat Decarbonisation Fund Grant Offer Letter, there are a number of specific conditions relating to your project which must be resolved once the associated milestones are reached.

The purpose of this document is to provide guidance on what is required to resolve some of the common conditions, with examples of what is acceptable and templates for satisfying specific conditions. *Please note the examples provided are for generic conditions that will apply to the majority of projects.* Your project may have bespoke conditions to resolve that are not covered here.

The importance of conditions

Scotland's Public Sector Heat Decarbonisation Fund grant conditions help us and you – as stewards of public money – to ensure that projects are being well managed and remain compliant in line with the scheme criteria. This is critical in verifying that your project remains eligible for the full grant award in line with the scheme compliancy criteria.

Submitting conditions information at the associated milestone enables your relationship manager to understand your project and check eligibility as it progresses. We advise submitting this information as early as possible and by no later than the original expected discharge date. The evidence for resolving many of these conditions should already be provided to you by your contractors as part of efficient project delivery.

Failure to provide the information required to resolve conditions within a reasonable timeframe after the associated milestones are reached may result in grant payments being withheld or funding reclaimed at the end of the project.

Where can I find conditions?

The specific conditions relating to your project can be found in *Schedule 2* of your Grant Offer Letter. Should you submit a change request, additional conditions may be listed in your Grant Amendment Letter following assessment and approval of the revised project scope.

When and how can I resolve conditions?

1. Use your monthly monitoring report to check conditions

You can find all your conditions listed on *Step 2.5* of your monthly monitoring report. You will also be able to see the date that you are expected to submit information to us to resolve each condition. Please review this tab every month and update as needed.



2. Submit information to your relationship manager

To enable conditions to be resolved, please send the required information to your relationship manager via email as soon as possible after the associated milestone is reached. Your relationship manager will let you know once the condition has been reviewed and can be considered resolved. If you have any questions about what is required to satisfy a condition, please speak to your relationship manager.

Some conditions will require technical assessment and you may be contacted by a member of our energy and carbon technical team with any queries or requests for clarification or further documentation.

3. Discuss moving the dates of submission and removing irrelevant conditions

If your project programme changes and you think the 'original expected discharge date' is unachievable, please raise this with your relationship manager. The 'date expected to be provided to Salix' column on *Step 2.5* of your monthly monitoring report lets you suggest an alternative date. Please make sure you discuss the reasons for the new date with your relationship manager prior to changing this on your report and include these reasons or any other updates in the 'comments' column.

If there are any changes to the project scope, you should inform us of these at the earliest opportunity and follow the change request process (please see the *change requests* webpage for guidance).

If you believe a condition is no longer relevant, please flag this with your relationship manager.

Common conditions

Please note the below examples are for generic conditions that will apply to the majority of Scotland's Public Sector Heat Decarbonisation Fund projects. Your project may have bespoke conditions to resolve that are not covered here.

1. Risk register

You are required to provide a detailed risk register once the project has been approved internally. This should identify potential risks to the project, which may range from delays to planning permission, unforeseen Distribution Network Operator (DNO) upgrade works required, noise pollution, delays in tender award or equipment lead times etc. The risk register should also include mitigation strategies, risk likelihood and level of risk.



Once you reach the post tender stage and have agreed a programme of works with your chosen contractors the risk register should be updated with their input, or an alternative version provided.

A template can be <u>downloaded from the 'key documents' section on our</u> <u>website</u>.

Step 2 of your monthly monitoring report includes a section for providing regular updates on the key risks or issues affecting your project. This is limited to nine key risks. If there are any significant changes as your project progresses, we would also request that you provide an updated version of your detailed risk register.

2. Experience and governance

The purpose of this condition is to clarify who has worked on your project and the chain of decision making and accountability. If your project is audited, Salix or Scottish Government will need to know who is best placed to contact with any queries.

- **Internal:** this condition asks you to provide a written explanation of how the project will be effectively managed internally. This information cannot be provided by a third party (such as a contractor or consultant) as the purpose of this condition is to ensure your public sector body has adequate governance in place to effectively manage the project and are ultimately accountable for its delivery. This can be an organisation chart that shows the chain of decision making and reporting necessary for the project. You may also be asked to provide evidence to demonstrate which executive panel and/or board committee has oversight of the project through terms of reference or meeting minutes.
- **External:** please provide contractor details for each measure along with examples of their experience with similar projects of this type and scope and how your organisation will be holding third party consultants and contractors to account. Please also detail whether your organisation has an existing relationship with the contractor. This can be provided to your relationship manager in an email format.

3. Project approval

This will be bespoke to your organisation's approval process.

Minutes of a board meeting where the approvals were granted can be provided as evidence or written confirmation from the board or an appropriate contact (such as the project authorising official or a director) can be provided by email.

Evidence of planning permission, or confirmation that this is not required, is another common approval condition. Again, acceptable evidence may be an email from the relevant planning authority.



4. Firm pricing

Once you reach the post tender stage, we will require evidence that the cost of each measure listed on your approved application form (*column N on the Step 4 Support Tool sheet*) are an accurate reflection of the project costs.

Alongside the above proof of costs, you should provide a summary spreadsheet to show how the final costs listed on your application form support tool have been calculated. For example, if project management fees have been split equally between all measures, then this should be shown.

Quotations for all the technologies must be provided from the appointed contractors to confirm final pricing for each technology. We require evidence of prices for all aspects of the project, ideally broken down by measure as well as by costs for equipment, installation, design etc.

The following can be used as evidence of costs (this list is not exhaustive):

- Quotes (in date)
- Invoices
- Contracts these should state the price
- Framework the contract schedule should detail construction and payment milestones with costs per measure
- PFI, variation summary or service cost

5. Updated application form and energy saving calculations

Once the project is completed on site and you are able to provide the finalised figures for all data including costs and energy values, we will require a final revised application form confirming the scope of the project. This is essential for us to verify your total eligible grant value before final payment is made.

Prior to this, any changes to the energy savings calculations should be communicated as soon as these are identified. These figures are often updated following completion of detailed designs. Changes to the energy savings figures may result in a lower eligible grant value, requiring a higher contribution from your organisation to complete the project to the agreed scope. Higher costs following design changes or tender returns may also impact your decision to proceed with the project if additional capital is required.

Updated energy saving calculations should be provided in an unlocked Excel spreadsheet and must include all measures from the project scope including zero direct emissions heating system(s) and energy efficiency measures. The values in the energy saving calculations should match your most recent application form, with a revised version provided if necessary.

If there are any changes to the scope of your project at any stage during project design or delivery, a formal change request may be required. Please see below an overview of types of change which will require a formal change request and assessment by our energy and carbon technical team.



We only expect to receive a scope change request when there is reasonable confidence in the final design, specifically when designs and tenders are complete. For this reason, we expect each grant recipient to submit a maximum of one, good-quality change request to minimise queries. Minor changes such as removing energy efficiency measures will typically not require assessment by our technical team.

As your project progresses, we encourage you to update your application form (in particular '*Step 3 Building Details*' and '*Step 4 Support Tool*'), to ensure that any minor changes do not have an impact on your eligible grant value. If you have any concerns about a change to your eligible grant value following a minor scope change, we ask that you contact your relationship manager as soon as possible.

Type of change	Change request?
Adding or removing a site	Yes
Removing the zero direct emissions heating measure	Yes
Changing the size or number of the zero direct emissions heating measure(s)	Yes
Reducing the scope of existing energy efficiency measures	Yes
Increase or decrease to carbon cost ratio	Yes
Extension to the practical completion date	Yes

6. Data sheets

We expect to see data sheets for all technologies that are to be installed once the final make and model is selected. This is required for the zero direct emission heating system(s) and energy efficiency measure(s).

The energy savings data you entered on the approved application form was calculated based on assumed performance. We need to verify that the assumptions were reasonable and that the energy savings on the approved application form will be achieved in practice by the exact equipment you choose to install. Data sheets should display key values that match both the energy saving calculations and the application form.



Heat pumps

To determine future electricity consumption, we need to see:

- Make and model
- Flow temperatures
- Capacity (kW)
- SCOP (Seasonal Coefficient of Performance)



Insulation

To determine the energy savings we need to see evidence of the thermal performance of the insulating equipment:

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- Type
- U-values (W/m2K)

or

- R-values are a reciprocal of U-values (m2K/W)

	Product dimensions and information					
Thickness (mm)	Length (m)	Width (mm)	Pack Area (m²)	R-Value (m²K/W)	Packs per pallet	Code
100	10.10	1200/2x600/3x400	12.12	2.25	24	5774
150	6.65	1160/2x580/3x386	7.71	3.40	24	5773
170	5.80	1160/2x580/3x386	6.73	3.85	24	5772
200	4.85	1160/2x580/3x386	5.63	4.50	24	5771

Thermal Performance

Multi-Roll 44 has a declared thermal conductivity of 0.044W/mK.

Solar PV

Alongside the data sheet for the exact model of panel installed we would also expect a report showing the site-specific consumption. Within this report it should show:



Simulation Results

Results Total System

	Yield	PV System			
•		PV Generator Output	111 kWp	PV Generator Energy (AC grid)	
		Spec. Annual Yield	859.38 kWh/kWp	5, (- 5, -,	
•	Export percentage	Performance Ratio (PR)	88.8 %		
		PV Generator Energy (AC grid)	95,436 kWh/Year		
		Own Consumption	87,986 kWh/Year		
		Down-regulation at Feed-in Point	0 kWh/Year		
		Grid Feed-in	7,450 kWh/Year		
		Own Power Consumption	92.2 %	Own Consumption	
		CO ₂ Emissions avoided	44,842 kg / year	Down-regulation at Feed-in Point Grid Feed-in	

Photovoltaic system – data sheet example				
Address	123 Example Lane			
DNO	Northern PowerGrid Distribution			
Commissioning Date	16/02/2023			
Installed capacity (DC)	114.8 kWp			
Declared Net Capacity (AC)	100 kWp			
Solar modules				
Number of modules	287			
Module brand and type	Trina 400W TSM 400DE09.08			
Inverter				
Number of inverters	1			
Inverter brand and type	1 x Huawei SUN2000 100 KTL			
DC Isolators	Integrated into inverters			
AC Isolators	Integrated into inverters and fitted adjacent			
Predicted output				
Annual Yield	772.57 kWh/kWp or 88,721 kWh Annually			
Systems communications				
Teltonika router RUT-950 to provide data connection for monitoring inverter and remote meter readings.				

Any questions?

Please see the <u>'frequently asked questions' webpage</u> or ask your relationship manager for support.