

**REPORT TO: HOUSING COMMITTEE – 24 AUGUST 2015**

**REPORT ON: EXTERNAL WALL INSULATION – HOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMME FOR SCOTLAND**

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF HOUSING**

**REPORT NO: 260-2015**

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**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To gain Committee approval for external wall (EWI) insulation projects within the 2015/16 Capital programme.

**2 RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 It is recommended that approval be given for the projects below at:

<b>Development</b>	<b>No of Properties</b>	<b>HEEPS-ABS £000s</b>	<b>ECO Funding £000s</b>	<b>Council Contribution £000s</b>	<b>Total Cost £000s</b>
Arklay St 2 <sup>nd</sup> ( with Roofs	240	597,310	-	-	<b>1,943,414</b>
Byron Street	84	203,904	-	-	<b>475,745</b>
Hospital park	152	403,130	-	-	<b>942,675</b>
Wester Clepington phase 2	216	652,224	-	-	<b>1,092,136</b>
Wedderburn/Hepburn St	164	164,160	-	-	<b>897,332</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>856</b>	<b>2,020,728</b>	<b>312,892</b>	<b>3,017,682</b>	<b>5,351,302</b>

(\* ECO funding is not broken down by project so ECO funding and Council contribution are shown by total only.)

**3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 A contribution for tenanted properties of £3,017,682 will be funded from the 2015/16 HRA Capital Budget. The remainder of this expenditure is being met from ECO and HEEPS-ABS.

**4 BACKGROUND**

4.1 Reference is made to Article IV of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 10 March, 2014 (Report 118-2014) and Article V of the minute of this Committee of 9 September, 2013 (Report 364-2013). Resources are available to fund external insulation for Council owned properties within the current 5 year HRA Capital budget. However the Council requires to maximise funding from the Home Energy Efficiency Programme for Scotland – Area Based Schemes (HEEPS-ABS) funding from the Scottish Government and Energy Company Obligation (ECO) funding from utility companies to ensure owner occupiers can be included in the programme, particularly

where they form part of a mixed tenure block and their agreement is necessary for works to proceed to the whole block.

- 4.2 The Council has been successful in being awarded £2.647 million HEEPS-ABS funding from the Scottish Government for 2015/16. Along with ECO funding secured under the Partnership with SSE this will enable the Council to proceed with EWI packages to 856 properties. All procurement of contractors for these projects will be through SSE.
- 4.3 These projects comprise 856 properties with a client contribution of £3,017,682 net of the ECO and HEEPS-ABS contributions.

## **5 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management. There are no major issues.

## **6 CONSULTATIONS**

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Head of Democratic and Legal Services and all other Chief Officers have been consulted in the preparation of this report. No concerns were expressed.

## **7 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 7.1 None.

In view of the timescales involved this report was approved by Director of Housing in consultation with the Convener of the Housing Committee, Labour Group spokesperson, Conservative member, Liberal Democrat member and the Independent member.

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