

**ITEM No ...3.....**

**REPORT TO:** NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE - 22 AUGUST 2016  
**REPORT ON:** EXTERNAL WALL INSULATION – HOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMME FOR SCOTLAND  
**REPORT BY:** EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES  
**REPORT NO.** 261-2016

**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1. To request Committee approval for the remaining external wall insulation projects programmed for the 2016/17 Capital programme.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

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>
Wester Clepington	228	702,000	51,497	665,299	<b>1,418,796</b>
Fairbairn Street, Wolseley Street, Arklay Street	164	247,000	46,552	1,250,882	<b>1,544,434</b>
Total	392	949,000	98,049	1,916,181	<b>2,963,230</b>

**3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 A contribution for tenanted properties of £1,916,181 will be required from the Council HRA Capital budget in 2016/17. The remainder of this expenditure is being met from ECO and Home Energy Efficiency Programme Scotland – Area Based Schemes (HEEPS – ABS).

**4.0 MAIN TEXT**

4.1 Resources are available to fund external insulation for Council owned properties within the current 5 year HRA Capital budget. The Council requires to maximise funding from HEEPS - ABS from the Scottish Government and Energy Company Obligation (ECO) funding from utility companies to ensure owner occupiers within mixed tenure blocks can be included in the programme.

4.2 The Council has been successful in being awarded £1.238 million HEEPS - ABS funding from the Scottish Government for 2016/17 as well as an additional amount of £647,002 re-allocated by the Scottish Government from underspend in other Councils with the proviso this is spent by the end of September 2016. The Council will continue to work with the Scottish Government to maximise any further opportunities to obtain additional HEEPS – ABS and manage our resources effectively over the required timescales to maximise programme delivery.

4.3 These projects comprise 392 properties with a Council contribution of £1,916,181 net of the ECO and HEEPS contributions.

4.4 The Contractor for these works have been procured by SSE who are Project managing the programme on behalf of the Council. The recommended Contractor is Turner FM.

## **5.0 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.

## **6.0 CONSULTATIONS**

6.1 The Chief Executive, 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.

## **7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

7.1 None.

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