

REPORT TO: HOUSING COMMITTEE 22 SEPTEMBER 2014

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

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF HOUSING

REPORT NO.: 375-2014

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. To gain Committee approval for the next external wall (EWI) insulation project within the 2014/15 programme.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

- 2.1. Approval be given for the Arklay Street EWI project.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1. A contribution for tenanted properties of £183,962.05 will be required from the HRA Capital budget. Provision has been made within the 2014/15 HRA Capital budget for this expenditure.

4. MAIN TEXT

- 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 £2.453 million HEEPS-ABS funding from the Scottish Government for 2014/15. Along with ECO funding secured under the Partnership with SSE this will enable the Council to proceed with EWI packages to 596 properties.
- 4.3. The project for Arklay Street comprises 108 properties with a client contribution of £183,962.05 net of the ECO and HEEPS-ABS contributions.
- 4.4. The proposals for the remainder of the properties will be brought forward to Committee in due course.

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**

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

7. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.

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