

REPORT TO: HOUSING COMMITTEE – 8 DECEMBER 2014

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

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF HOUSING

REPORT NO.: 470-2014

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

- 2.1. Approval be given for projects at:

| Development | No of Properties | HEEPS-ABS | ECO Funding | Council Contribution | Total Cost |
|--|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Balgay Street | 18 | 70,000 | 11,100 | 39,804 | 120,904 |
| Hilltown Redevelopment 1 st | 30 | 168,000 | 25,200 | 34,145 | 227,345 |
| Lorne Street/ Kerr Street | 36 | 133,000 | 31,500 | 114,143 | 278,643 |
| Mid Craigie 2 nd ♦ | 68 | 91,000 | 63,600 | 693,876 | 848,476 |
| West Kirkton BISF (tenants only) | 42 | - | 58,800 | 455,793 | 514,593 |
| Wester Clepington | 90 | 175,000 | 70,800 | 307,266 | 553,066 |
| | 284 | 637,000 | 261,000 | 1,645,027 | 2,543,027 |

♦ (includes re-roofing)

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1. The total cost for the above projects is £2.543m. The contribution for tenanted properties will be £1.645m and will be funded from the 2014/15 HRA Capital budget. The remainder of the expenditure is being met from ECO and HEEPS-ABS.

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.

The 42 properties at West Kirkton BISF are all tenanted and so attract ECO funding only and the properties at Mid Craigie 2nd flatted include £268,806 for roof replacement which will be funded by the Council in full.

- 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. These projects comprise 284 properties with a client contribution of £1,645,027 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**

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**

None.

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