

REPORT TO: HOUSING COMMITTEE – 12 JANUARY 2015

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

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF HOUSING

REPORT NO.: 09-2015

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

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

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that:

- 2.1. Approval be given for this project at:

<b>Development</b>	<b>No of Properties</b>	<b>HEEPS-ABS</b>	<b>ECO Funding</b>	<b>Council Contribution</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Lawton Farm Development	20	7,000	16,800	118,179	<b>141,979</b>

**3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1. The total cost for the above project is £141,979. The contribution for tenanted properties will be £118,179 and will be funded from the 2014/15 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.
- 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. This project comprises 20 properties with a client contribution of £118,179 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**

None.

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