

1 SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT HOME INSULATION SCHEME (AN167-2009)

Members are asked to note that the Ferry ward has been chosen by the Scottish Government as one of the areas to be included in its new area-based Home Insulation Scheme (HIS). One of the main aims of the scheme is to bring about reductions in carbon emissions in the domestic sector and local authorities were asked to make bids based on their knowledge of their own areas. The Ferry has a high number of large, un-insulated houses and so it was felt that it has potential for substantial carbon savings. Under HIS, the Government will provide £15 million funding across Scotland in the first year (2009/2010). In the main, this funding will be used to employ staff who, working under the government-appointed Managing Agent for the Scheme (the Energy Saving Trust) will visit every home in the ward to identify improvements and give advice on how fuel and carbon savings can be made. Where the property can be improved through loft or cavity-wall insulation, this will be offered at a subsidised cost and EST staff will co-ordinate this effort. Any householder in the Ferry on a low income or on benefits will have insulation work carried out free of charge and additional advice can be provided by DEEAP (Dundee Energy Efficiency Advice Project - Telephone (01382) 434833/434840).

It should be noted that low income householders elsewhere in the City are eligible for free insulation through another Scottish Government scheme called the Energy Assistance Package and access to this is via the Energy Saving Scotland Advice Centre (ESSAC on 0800 512 012). General energy advice is also available via DEEAP.