

5 SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT HOME INSULATION SCHEME (HIS) (AN49-2010)

Members are asked to note that the Strathmartine ward has been chosen by the Scottish Government as one of the areas to be included in the second phase of its area-based Home Insulation Scheme (HIS). The Scottish Government has decided to award further HIS areas to the Local Authorities who were successful first time round. Dundee City Council was awarded The Ferry HIS in Phase 1 and whilst it was chosen because of the potential for large carbon savings from insulating large properties, Strathmartine has been chosen on account of its broad mix of property types and tenures.

Under HIS the Government will provide £15 million funding across Scotland in the year 2010/11. This funding will permit continuity of staffing locally for the staff involved in the first phase of the HIS. They will be working under the Government appointed Managing Agent for the Scheme (the Energy Saving Trust) and 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 Strathmartine ward on a low income or on benefits will have insulation work carried out free of charge.