

**To: Housing and Community Safety Policy Board**

**On: 23 August 2016**

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**Report by: Director of Development and Housing Services**

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**Heading: Housing Energy Efficiency and Carbon Reduction Programmes:  
2016/17 - Update**

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## **1. Summary**

- 1.1 On 15 March 2016 the Board approved a report noting the allocation for the Renfrewshire Council area under the Scottish Government's Home Energy Efficiency Programme for Scotland: Area Based Schemes (HEEPS:ABS) for 2016/17 and authorised the Director of Development and Housing Services to bid for projects in terms of the Scottish Government's application process.
  - 1.2 This report updates members on the outcome of the application for resources under the 2016/17 HEEPS:ABS programme and sets out the development of the programme.
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## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Policy Board:
    - (i) Note that funding of £1,185,582 has been awarded for qualifying projects within the Renfrewshire Council area for 2016/17 under the HEEPS:ABS programme and authorise the Director of Development and Housing Services to oversee delivery and operational management of the programme
    - (ii) Authorise the Director of Development and Housing Services to utilise £260,000 HRA capital funding to allow the completion of all Council owned properties within the project area
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### **3 Home Energy Efficiency Programme for Scotland: Area Based Schemes (HEEPS:ABS) for 2016/17**

- 3.1 The Scottish Government's HEEPS:ABS Programme was introduced in 2013/2014 with the objective to reduce fuel poverty, reduce carbon emissions and demonstrate an appropriate strategic fit and approach to improving energy efficiency.
  - 3.2 The potential benefits of HEEPS:ABS therefore complement and support a wide range of social housing initiatives including maintaining stock at the levels required by the Scottish Housing Quality Standard (SHQS) as well as the requirements of the new Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing (EESH).
  - 3.3 Local Authorities act as coordinating agents for all HEEPS:ABS programmes in their area. Over the last three years, a total of £8.287m has been secured for Renfrewshire which has enabled a range of external wall insulation projects to be carried out in multi tenure blocks to support the Council's housing investment programme, as well as external wall insulation programmes by Linstone Housing Association, internal wall insulation by Williamsburgh Housing Association and energy efficiency projects of external wall insulation in the Lochwinnoch and Gallowhill areas.
  - 3.4 The Scottish Government announced an overall allocation of £50m to HEEPS:ABS for 2016/2017 in December 2015 and indicated that each local authority will be provided with a core allocation of funding. On 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016, it was confirmed that Renfrewshire's allocation is £1,185,582. Unlike previous years, there was no additional funding available to be allocated through a bidding process.
  - 3.5 Local Authorities were required to submit schemes for consideration for their core allocation by 15 April 2016 and we submitted an application for £1,185,582 core funding. The Council was advised on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016 of the outcome of the application process which confirmed the allocation of £1,185,582 for HEEPS:ABS projects in 2016/2017.
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### **4 Development of 2016/2017 Programme**

- 4.1 Since receiving confirmation of the HEEPS:ABS; Officers have entered into negotiations with E:ON UK to develop the next phase of works with the aim of maximising the number of properties to benefit from energy efficiency works.
- 4.2 The Scottish Government encourages an area based approach to HEEPS:ABS projects and in order to complement works completed to date in Gallowhill and to conclude works within that area, a further 3 phases of works have been identified. However, a reduction in the maximum amount of HEEPS:ABS payable per property has been introduced by the Scottish Government the result of which has been that the level of available funding will require to be augmented by both additional external funding and a contribution from the

Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Capital Programme if all 3 phases are to be completed.

- 4.3 It is therefore proposed that the next phase of works (Phase 4) are progressed, fully funded by HEEPS:ABS funding. Phase 5 will be partially funded by HEEPS:ABS, with a contribution of approximately £260,000 from HRA Capital Programme to allow the completion of all social rented properties within this phase.
- 4.4 Phase 6 requires additional HEEPS:ABS funding to allow the completion of all privately owned properties within this phase. Discussions are currently underway with Scottish Government to request additional funding for this phase, should funds become available throughout the year. The approach described above is set out in Appendix 1.

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## Implications of the Report

1. **Financial:** Scottish Government allocation of £1,185,582 to support owner participation in energy efficiency projects within the Renfrewshire area £260,000 from HRA Capital Programme which can be met within existing budget allocation
2. **HR & Organisational :** None
3. **Community Planning – Community Care, Health & Well-being** – Improving housing conditions benefitting tenants and private owners. Addressing fuel poverty.  
**Greener** – Protecting, caring and enhancing the built environment. Reducing carbon emissions.
4. **Legal** - None.
5. **Property/Assets** – Improvements in the energy performance of both social rented and private dwellings. -
6. **Information Technology** - None
7. **Equality & Human Rights** - The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website
8. **Health & Safety** - None

9. **Procurement** – Negotiation of contract with E:ON UK for the delivery of the HEEPS:ABS 2016/2017 projects.
  10. **Risk** – None
  11. **Privacy Impact** - None
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#### **List of Background Papers**

- (a) Report to Housing & Community Safety Policy Board on 15 March 2016 – Home Energy Efficiency and Carbon Reduction Programmes: 2016/17

The foregoing background papers will be retained within Development and Housing Services for inspection by the public for the prescribed period of four years from the date of the meeting. The contact officer within the service is Louise Feely, Housing Asset and Investment Manager, 0141 618 6049, [louise.feely@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:louise.feely@renfrewshire.gov.uk)

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## Appendix 1

Project Description	Target Number of Owners in Project Area	Target Number of Tenants in Project Area	Funding Position
Gallowhill External Wall Insulation – Phase 4	95	41	Fully funded by HEEPS:ABS allocation
Gallowhill External Wall Insulation – Phase 5	25	59	Funded by combination of HEEPS:ABS allocation and HRA capital investment
Gallowhill External Wall Insulation – Phase 6	74	10	Requires additional HEEPS:ABS funding to deliver
<b>Total</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>110</b>	