

To: Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board

On: 13 March 2018

Report by: Acting Director of Development and Housing Services

**Heading: Housing Energy Efficiency and Carbon Reduction Programmes:
2018/19**

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out the projects which will be submitted for funding for financial year 2018/19 under the Scottish Government's Home Energy Efficiency Programme for Scotland: Area Based Schemes (HEEPS:ABS) initiative.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Policy Board:
- (i) note that Renfrewshire Council has been allocated £1,518,477 for 2018/19 for qualifying projects as part of the Scottish Government's HEEPS:ABS programme;
 - (ii) authorise the Acting Director of Development and Housing Services to bid for projects as set out in Section 3 of this report; and
 - (ii) authorise the Acting Director of Development and Housing Services to oversee delivery and operational management of the programme and note that a further report will be submitted to the Board confirming the outcome of the HEEPS:ABS application.
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3. **Home Energy Efficiency Programme for Scotland: Area Based Schemes (HEEPS:ABS) 2018/19**

- 3.1 The Scottish Government's HEEPS:ABS programme was introduced in 2013/14 and is now entering its sixth year. The programme is targeted at private sector home owners to assist their participation and ensure projects to improve energy efficiency can proceed.
- 3.2 The key objectives are to address fuel poverty, reduce carbon emissions and demonstrate an appropriate strategic fit and approach to improving energy efficiency.
- 3.3 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 Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing (EESH).
- 3.4 Local authorities act as coordinating agents for all HEEPS:ABS programmes for their area. Over the last five years, a total of £11.69m has been secured for Renfrewshire which has enabled arrange 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, Bridgewater Housing Association, Paisley Housing Association and internal wall insulation by Williamsburgh Housing Association.
- 3.5 On 19th February 2018 it was confirmed that Renfrewshire's allocation of the £49m available nationally for HEEPS:ABS was £1,518,477. Local authorities are required to submit schemes for consideration for their allocation by 6th April 2018. Following consultation with Housing Association partners, a bid of £1,518,477 will be submitted as set out in the table below:

Co ordinating Partner	Project	Value of HEEPS:ABS
Renfrewshire Council	External Wall Insulation (Lochfield)	1,200,000
Renfrewshire Council	Cavity Wall Insulation (Renfrewshire wide)	100,477
Bridgewater Housing Association	External Wall Insulation (Erskine)	218,000
Total		£1,518,477

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – HEEPS:ABS allocation of £1,518,477 for 2018/19 to support owner participation in Council and partner projects within the Renfrewshire area, subject to confirmation of successful application.
2. **HR & Organisational Development** - None.

3. **Community/Council Planning –**
 - Tackling inequality, ensuring opportunities for all – improving housing conditions benefiting tenants and private owners. Addressing fuel poverty.
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**
 - (a) 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 -** There will be a requirement to procure a PAS2030 compliant contractor for the delivery of the Council's project, subject to confirmation of successful application
10. **Risk - None.**
11. **Privacy Impact -** Reference should be made to the corporate Privacy Impact Assessments (PIAs) procedure that PIAs should be conducted, by all Services, in circumstances where policies and decisions have implications for the use of personal and/or sensitive personal information held by the Council. Advice is available from the Principal Information Officer.
12. **Cosla Policy Position - N/A**

List of Background Papers

- (a) Report to Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board on 7 November 2017 – Home Energy Efficiency and Carbon Reduction Programmes: 2017/18 Update
- (b) Report to Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board on 6 June 2017 – Home Energy Efficiency and Carbon Reduction Programmes: 2017/18
- (c) Report to Housing and Community Safety Policy Board on 14 March 2017 – Home Energy Efficiency and Carbon Reduction Programmes: 2017/18

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

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