
To: Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board

On: 12 March 2019

Report by: Director of Communities, Housing and Planning Services

Heading: Housing Energy Efficiency and Carbon Reduction Programmes:
2019/20

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out the projects which will be submitted for funding for financial year 2019/20 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 will shortly be notified of its allocation for 2019/20 for qualifying projects as part of the Scottish Government's HEEPS:ABS programme;
 - (ii) authorise the Director of Communities, Housing and Planning Services to bid for projects as set out in Section 3 of this report: and
 - (iii) authorise the Director of Communities, Housing and Planning 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) 2019/20

- 3.1 The Scottish Government's HEEPS:ABS programme was introduced in 2013/14 and is now entering its seventh 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 (EESSH).
- 3.4 Local authorities act as coordinating agents for all HEEPS:ABS programmes for their area. To date, a total of over £14m 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, Bridgewater Housing Association, Paisley Housing Association and internal wall insulation by Williamsburgh Housing Association.
- 3.5 The announcement of the amount of funding available for HEEPS:ABS for 2019/20 is expected from Scottish Government before the end of March, with local authorities expecting to be required to submit schemes for consideration for their allocation by the end of April. Whilst it is not possible at this stage to confirm Renfrewshire's allocation, due to the tight timescale for submitting applications and the timing of our Board cycles, work is underway to prepare a number of schemes for submission once notification of our allocation is received.
- 3.6 The table below sets out our proposed schemes for submission and the associated bid will be tailored to suit the value of our allocation. Confirmation of our allocation and subsequent bid will be reported to a future meeting of this Board.

Co ordinating Partner	Project
Renfrewshire Council	External Wall Insulation (Whitehaugh)
Renfrewshire Council	External Wall Insulation (Blackstoun Oval)
Renfrewshire Council	External Wall Insulation (Gallowhill)
Renfrewshire Council	External Wall Insulation (Bridge of Weir)
Bridgewater Housing Association	External Wall Insulation (Erskine)

- 3.7 As in previous years, the proposed projects which will be contained within the bid consist of mixed tenure blocks of solid wall construction type to support social landlords in meeting the requirements of the Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing (EESH) and the Council's external wall insulation project will be delivered as part of our Housing Investment Programme (External Works) with resources allocated from our Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Capital Programme.
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Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – HEEPS:ABS allocation for 2019/20 to support owner participation in Council and partner projects within the Renfrewshire area, the amount of which will be notified to the Council by Scottish Government by the end of March and will be reported to a future meeting of this Board.
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – None
3. **Community/Council Planning** –
 - **Our Renfrewshire is thriving** – assisting private owners to participate in programme to improve housing conditions, making Renfrewshire a great place to live
 - **Our Renfrewshire is well** – improving housing conditions benefitting tenants and private owners. Addressing fuel poverty.
 - **Reshaping our place, our economy and our future** – investment in the refurbishment of housing stock will create jobs and contribute to the economy
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** – Contracts are in place to deliver this programme of work.

10. **Risk** - None.
11. **Privacy Impact** - None.
12. **COSLA Policy Position** – COSLA have been consulted on the allocation model used for the distribution of HEEPS:ABS funding through the Settlement and Distribution Group

List of Background Papers

- (a) Report to Housing & Community Safety Policy Board on 30 October 2018 – Home Energy Efficiency and Carbon Reduction Programmes: Update
- (b) Report to Housing & Community Safety Policy Board on 21 August 2018 – Home Energy Efficiency and Carbon Reduction Programmes: 2018/19 - Update
- (c) Report to Housing & Community Safety Policy Board on 22 May 2018 – Home Energy Efficiency and Carbon Reduction Programmes: 2018/19
- (d) Report to Housing & Community Safety Policy Board on 13 March 2018 Home Energy Efficiency and Carbon Reduction Programmes: 2018/19

The foregoing background papers will be retained within Development & 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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