

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

**On: 24 January 2017**

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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 – Capital Stimulus Programme Update**

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**1. Summary**

- 1.1 The HaCS Board of 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016, approved a report which advised of an application for funding in terms of the Scottish Government's Capital Stimulus Programme for energy efficiency projects within the Renfrewshire Council area. This report advises members of the outcome of that application.
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**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Policy Board:
- (i) Note that funding of up to £312,000 has been awarded for qualifying projects within the Renfrewshire Council area for 2016/17 under the Scottish Government's Capital Stimulus Programme and authorise the Director of Development and Housing Services to oversee delivery and operational management of the programme
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**3. Capital Stimulus Programme 2016/17**

- 3.1. On 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016 the Scottish Government announced proposals to make £9m available to assist Social Landlords in meeting the Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing (EESH), as part of their Capital Stimulus Programme.
- 3.2 A requirement from the Scottish Government was that financial spend had to be achieved within the current financial year and in this context following

discussions with Scottish Government officials, an application was submitted by the Development & Housing Service on 7<sup>th</sup> October which sought £1,365,700 for 11 proposed projects across Renfrewshire, including 9 for Registered Social Landlords.

3.3 The key eligibility criteria were:

- that the funding is to support the delivery of EESSH through energy efficiency improvements to properties. Installed measures must be ECO eligible, however, applications are not required to have ECO funding
- projects must be additional and not be part of 2016/17 capital programmes
- works must be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017
- Councils were to engage with social landlords in their area to ensure the opportunity exists for their projects to be included.

3.4 This application was reported to the HaCS Board on November 8<sup>th</sup> and on 11<sup>th</sup> November the Council was advised by the Scottish Government that up to £312,000 would be made available to deliver 1 project in Renfrewshire.

3.5 Subsequent discussions with officers within Scottish Government indicated that this Programme had been over-subscribed, with each of the 32 Scottish Local Authorities submitting an application for funding. The impact of this was that the allocation to each individual authority was significantly reduced.

3.6 The 11 proposed projects were ranked in priority order and the grant of £312,000 was awarded for Area 1, Lochwinnoch External Wall Insulation (EWI) which will be delivered by Renfrewshire Council. All Registered Social Landlords who had proposed projects have been advised of the outcome of this application process.

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## Implications of the Report

1. **Financial:** Scottish Government allocation of £312,000 to support energy efficiency projects within the Renfrewshire area.
2. **HR & Organisational Development:** None
3. **Community Planning – Community Care, Health & Well-being :** Improving housing conditions benefitting tenants and private owners. Addressing fuel poverty.

4. **Legal:** The Council will require to apply the Grant Funding received in accordance with the application made to the Scottish Government and the terms and Conditions applicable to the Capital Acceleration Programme 2016/17 issued to the Council'
  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:** Requirement to procure a supplier to deliver energy efficiency works
  10. **Risk:** None
  11. **Privacy Impact:** None
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### **List of Background Papers**

- (a) Report to Housing & Community Safety Policy Board on 8 November 2016 – Home Energy Efficiency and Carbon Reduction Programmes: 2016/17 – Update
- (b) Report to Housing & Community Safety Policy Board on 23 August 2016 – Home Energy Efficiency and Carbon Reduction Programmes: 2016/17 – Update
- (c) 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 with 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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