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REPORT TO: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE - 13 JUNE 2016

REPORT ON: EXTERNAL WALL INSULATION – HOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMME FOR SCOTLAND

REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

REPORT NO. 206-2016

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. To gain Committee approval for further external wall insulation projects as part of the 2016/17 Capital programme.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that approval be given for the projects below at:

| Development * Addresses Appendix 1 | No of Properties | HEEPS- ABS £000s | ECO Funding £000s | Council Contribution £000s | Total Cost £000s |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Sandeman St (including window replacement for tenanted properties) | 202 | 811,314 | 48,004 | 693,331 | 1,552,649 |
| Constitution St, Kinghorne Road, Hill St, Harcourt St, Paterson St | 72 | 149,500 | 19,895 | 306,912 | 476,307 |
| Arbroath Road, Dens Road, Cotton Road | 42 | 84,500 | 10,189 | 165,377 | 260,066 |
| Gardner St Tenements | 24 | 130,000 | 6,394 | 23,386 | 159,780 |
| Travelling Persons Site Amenity blocks | 20 | | | 62,779 | 62,779 |
| Total | 360 | 1,175,314 | 84,482 | 1,251,785 | 2,511,581 |

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 A contribution for tenanted properties of £1,251,785 will be required from the Council, £1,189,006 from the HRA Capital budget in 2016/17 and the £62,779 for the Travelling Persons Site from Other Housing. The remainder of this expenditure is being met from ECO and HEEPS-ABS.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

- 4.1 Resources are available to fund external insulation for Council owned properties within the current 5 year HRA Capital budget. However the Council requires to maximise funding from the Home Energy Efficiency Programme for Scotland – Area Based Schemes (HEEPS-ABS) funding from the Scottish Government and Energy Company Obligation (ECO) funding from utility companies to ensure owner occupiers can be included in the programme, particularly where they form part of a mixed tenure block and their agreement is necessary for works to proceed to the whole block.
- 4.2 The Council has been successful in being awarded £1.238 million HEEPS-ABS funding from the Scottish Government for 2016/17. In addition to the above the Scottish Government has awarded the Council additional HEEPS from the 2015/16 underspend from other Councils with the proviso that this will be spent by the end of September 2016. The Sandeman Street Project is being funded from this additional HEEPS allocation of £647,002. The remaining projects in this report will be funded utilising funding from the 2016/17 HEEPS allocation.
- 4.3 These projects comprise 360 properties with a Council contribution of £1,251,785 net of the ECO and HEEPS contributions.
- 4.4 In addition to the above projects it is proposed to carry out external insulation works to the amenity blocks at the Travelling persons site. This will provide increased comfort for residents and assist in meeting any future requirements for Energy Efficiency standards at Gypsy Traveller sites. As part of this package two amenity blocks and the office accommodation will benefit from the works free of charge as part of the community benefit of the overall programme agreed by SSE.
- 4.5 The Contractors for these works have been procured by SSE who are Project managing the programme on behalf of the Council. The Contractors are McGill and Turner.
- 4.6 The EWI programme contributes to the Fairness Commission recommendation to assist households to adequately heat their homes and reduce fuel poverty in the City.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management. There are no major issues.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, Executive Director of Corporate Services, Head of Democratic and Legal Services and all other Chief Officers have been consulted and were in agreement with this report.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None.

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