

2 ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS FOR SOCIAL HOUSING (EESH) (AN91-2016)

Committee is asked to note the funding bid submitted to the Scottish Government by Dundee City Council for a share of the Capital Stimulus Programme - £10m for domestic energy efficiency to meet EESH (Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing).

This funding stream was announced in September by the First Minister in her Programme for Government. It is part of a set of measures to support and stimulate the economy in the wake of the EU referendum. £10m has been set aside to assist social landlords in meeting the EESH. The funding can be used for any prescribed energy efficiency measure required to help local authority or RSL (Registered Social Landlord) properties up to the EESH. Individual offers of funding have been capped at £0.5M per local authority. As this funding is designed to provide a short-term economic boost it must be fully spent and invoiced by end-March 2017 and it must cover activity not initially planned for this financial year. Local authorities have been asked to work closely with RSLs in their area to identify priority projects.

Only one RSL, Hillcrest Housing Association, has asked to be included in the Dundee City Council bid. Funding is required to install Quantum Smart Electric Storage heaters in 116 off-grid properties in various areas of the city. Dundee City Council's own bid is for carrying out underfloor insulation to 284 ground floor flats at 4 areas in the city – Fleming Gardens, Hospital Park, Logie and Stirling Park – where deep foundations are causing draughts and heat leakage which is leading to high fuel bills and making it difficult for the properties to achieve EESH. The amount being bid for is £0.5m in total.

A further report on the success of this bid will be presented to Committee later in the year.