

9. UPDATE ON HOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMMES FOR SCOTLAND : AREA BASED SCHEMES (HEEPS:ABS) 2018/19 AND 2019/20

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Housing, Customer and Building Services providing an update on the 2018/19 HEEPS: ABS programme of External Wall Insulation and to seek approval for proposals for the 2019/20 programme.

The report explained that HEEP: ABS funding sources were:-

- HEEPS:ABS
- Energy Company Obligation (ECO)
- Warmer Home Scotland (WHS)
- Home Owners Contribution
- WLC Capital Funding

The report provided details of each of these funding sources.

For 2018/19 the council had been awarded £1,093,645 HEEPS:ABS funding which was being used to target privately owned properties of No Fines construction and would be fully spent in:

- Lenzie Avenue
- Kenmore Avenue
- Elie Avenue
- Jubilee Avenue

Further information on progress of HEEPS: ABS 2018/19 was outlined in the report.

In relation to the Proposed Programme for 2019/20, the members were informed that it was proposed to provide any HEEPS: ABS funding the council had been awarded to support home owners where the council would be doing EWI to its own households of No Fines construction.

Officers had identified those properties requiring EWI in order to improve their energy efficiency performance in order to achieve compliance with the Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing (EESH). A Capital budget of £1.674m for 225 WLC properties had been approved for these works.

It was proposed to prioritise funding to households in the streets that were identified to have the highest probability of households living in fuel poverty. It was proposed to prioritise funding to streets in the order below.

1. Davidson Way
2. Ferguson Way
3. Fells Rigg
4. Sutherland Way
5. Camps Rigg

It was also being recommended that the Head of Housing, Customer and Building Services retained delegated powers over the management of the programme for non-substantive changes, following approval of the programme by Council Executive.

It was recommended that Council Executive :-

1. Notes that the final funding allocation for the 2018/19 HEEPS:ABS programme was £1,093,645;
2. Notes that it was anticipated that the Scottish Government would allocate £1 million to West Lothian for 2019/20 HEEPS:ABS programme;
3. Approves the proposal to provide HEEPS:ABS funding to home owners in the Knightsridge area during 2019/20 in conjunction with the EWI work the council would be doing to its own stock; and
4. Agrees to the Head of Housing, Customer and Building Services having delegated powers to make non-substantive changes to the 2019/20 HEEPS:ABS programme

Decision

To approve the terms of the report