
Report To:	Education & Communities Committee	Date:	13 March 2018
Report By:	Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development.	Report No:	EDUCOM/30/18/DH
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Subject:	Tender for a Delivery Partner for 2018/2019 Home Energy Efficiency Programme Scotland : Area Based Scheme. (HEEPS:ABS)		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval to grant delegated authority to the Head of Legal and Property Services to accept a tender for a Delivery Partner for the 2018/2019 Home Energy Efficiency Programme Scotland : Area Based Scheme (HEEPS:ABS) as per Contract Standing Order 17.3 (ii) (see 2.3 below).

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The current Contract for the Delivery Partner for the 2016/2017 HEEPS: ABS Programme is now in the optional extension period and this will expire on 30 June 2018.
- 2.2 The tender for the 2018/2019 HEEPS: ABS Programme Delivery Partner is currently being prepared for advertising mid to late February 2018.
- 2.3 The Scottish Government have awarded Funding for the HEEPS: 2018/2019 programme and this will be available to the Council from 1 April 2018. The tender will be advertised as a Works Contract. Contract Standing Order 17.3 (ii) stipulates that the Committee must approve acceptance of tenders that exceed £500,000.
- 2.4 The current anticipated date of the award of contract is 29 March 2018. The Education and Communities Committee dates available to request approval to award are 13 March 2018 and 8 May 2018. The 8 May Committee date is beyond the anticipated date of the award of contract therefore it is requested that the Committee which sits on 13 March 2018 approve that the Head of Legal and Property Services accept the tender on behalf of the Council.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That the Committee grants delegated authority to the Head of Legal and Property to accept the most economically advantageous tender for a Delivery Partner for the 2018/2019 HEEPS: ABS Programme, and also, subject to further funding from the Scottish Government, to accept the optional year extension to the contract for the 2019/2020 contract, as per Contract Standing Orders 17.3 (ii).

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Local Councils, COSLA and the Scottish Government are working hard to deal with fuel poverty, and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in order to tackle the threat of climate change. As part of a range of programmes aimed at achieving these objectives, the Scottish Government has developed the funded Home Energy Efficiency Programme: Area Based Scheme (HEEPS: ABS).
- 4.2 Scottish Ministers have approved the following key objectives for the area-based schemes – reduce fuel poverty; reduce carbon emissions; lever Energy Company Obligation (ECO) funding and support the local economy and sustainable local economic development.
- 4.3 The Scottish Government's two aims for the design of the schemes are to achieve the maximum impact across Scotland in terms of meeting HEEPS objectives, and within this to make it as fair, speedy and straightforward as it can be.
- 4.4 To achieve the above aims, Local Authorities, in line with their Local Housing Strategy, should develop collaborative area based schemes which target the most fuel poor areas, beginning with those in most need of assistance. The HEEPS: ABS programme should deliver annual fuel savings, reduce annual CO2 emissions and leverage utility company funding where possible.
- 4.5 From 2013 to date a total of £7,095,933 HEEPS funding has been awarded to Inverclyde from the Scottish Government. This includes £937,374 additional funding awarded due to timeous completion of programmes and ability to achieve spend.

During this time the Council has worked successfully on the following collaborative area based programmes, providing External Wall insulation to over 1700 properties in Inverclyde:

- River Clyde Homes - Roxburgh/Wellington Street, Greenock - John Street, Greenock - Broomhill, Greenock and Bardrainney /Park Farm, Port Glasgow
- Link Housing Association – Balfour Street, Port Glasgow and Bardrainney, Port Glasgow
- Larkfield Housing Association – Larkfield, Greenock
- Oak Tree Housing Association – Bow Road, Greenock, Overton, Greenock

5.0 PROPOSALS

- 5.1 The Scottish Government on 19th February 2018 have awarded HEEPS:ABS funding of £ 1,249,023 for Inverclyde in 2018/19.

This funding will support collaborative programmes in 2018/19 in the following areas:-

- Maple Road, Greenock in collaboration with Oak Tree Housing Association
- Kilearn Road, Greenock in collaboration with Cloch Housing Association
- Atholl Steel homes Larkfield, Greenock in collaboration with Larkfield Housing Association
- Continuation of 'Back up' programme for Devol area Port Glasgow in collaboration with Link Housing Association

- 5.2 The tender for the Delivery Partner for the HEEPS:ABS 2018/2019 Programme will be advertised mid to late February 2018.
- 5.3 It is proposed that, to proceed to award the Contract with an anticipated date of 29 March 2018, delegated authority for this is granted to the Head of Legal and Property Services.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial:

Effective, full and timely use of Scottish Government Funding is likely to be impacted if the Contract Award is delayed. External grant funding.

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Year	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

6.2 Human Resources: There are no HR implications related to this proposal

6.3 Legal: There are no Legal implications related to this proposal

6.4 Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

Yes See attached appendix

No This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

Services to our customers, full cognisance is taken of equality and diversity processes and procedures, including

- The provision of free and easily accessible advice and information.
- Ensuring awareness of the availability of services.
- Regularly reviewing delivery methods to ensure inclusion.

6.5 Repopulation: The opportunity to access this funding will assist with achieving a key outcome of the Local Housing Strategy to tackle fuel poverty.

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 None

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None