

Glasgow City Region housing retrofit update noted etc.

15 With reference to the minutes of 5th October 2021 providing an update regarding the key findings from the Strategic Programme Business Case on home energy retrofit, developed by consultants Grant Thornton, there was submitted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth regarding an update on recent housing retrofit activity, including the workstreams identified in the report to this Cabinet in October 2021 and an overview of the Scottish Government's Energy Efficiency Scotland: Area Based Schemes (EES:ABS) funding and related challenges, advising

- (1) of an update in respect of each of the 6 specific workstreams;
- (2) of the background to the Scottish Government's EES:ABS programme which targeted fuel poor households in geographical areas that met a number of criteria, as detailed in the report;
- (3) that in terms of EES:ABS expenditure, there was a national issue for the Scottish Government regarding the ability of local authorities to effectively deliver retrofit activity through EES:ABS funding, with the implications that would have for national net zero targets;
- (4) of the challenges associated with the delivery of EES:ABS funded activity, which had identified a number of 'pinch points' within the funding process which could cause delays in delivery, as detailed in the report;
- (5) of a number of factors related to costs, as highlighted in the report; and
- (6) of the proposed next steps, highlighting that the GCR Housing Retrofit Delivery Group would lead on the development of the GCR Domestic Retrofit Strategy and that a further housing retrofit update would be provided to this Cabinet at the end of 2024 seeking approval for the Strategy.

After consideration, the Cabinet

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) agreed the proposed next steps, as detailed in the report.