

## **Economic Recovery Plan – Home energy retrofit programme feasibility study update noted.**

**15** With reference to the minutes of 8th December 2020 approving the Glasgow City Region COVID-19 Economic Recovery Plan, which had included the development of a feasibility study for the home energy retrofit programme, there was submitted and noted a report by Councillor Jonathan McColl, Leader of West Dunbartonshire Council, Housing and Equalities Portfolio Lead, providing an update on the work that had been undertaken in this respect, advising

- (1) that a home energy retrofit programme, delivered at scale across Glasgow City Region had the potential to deliver on a number of the region's local and national policy ambitions and a feasibility study would help set up a clear route map to successfully deliver a large scale retrofit programme, as detailed in the report;
- (2) that the development and scope of the feasibility study had been supported by the Programme Management Office and it had subsequently been discussed and agreed by the Housing and Equalities Portfolio Group, as well as being shared with the Regional Partnership and other stakeholders, as detailed in the report;
- (3) that the retrofit programme would include both energy efficiency (home insulation) and low and zero emissions heating options within the scope, focussing on those properties that had the lowest energy efficiency ratings, those with an Energy Performance Certificate of bands D-G, with bands A-C being deemed the most energy efficient;
- (4) that an initial analysis of the housing stock in the region had indicated that over 428,000 properties required to improve their home energy efficiency ratings and it was anticipated that the proposed scheme would be delivered over a period of at least 10 years;
- (5) of a number of key questions that the feasibility study would require to address, as detailed in the report;
- (6) that a total budget of £80,000 had been identified to deliver the feasibility study, and of this, Skills Development Scotland had offered a contribution of £15,000, and it was proposed that the Regional Recovery Renewal Funding from the Scottish Government be used to meet the remaining £65,000 required; and
- (7) of the current indicative timetable and next steps for the retrofit proposal, as detailed in the report.