

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **HOUSING COMMITTEE – 7 NOVEMBER 2001**

#### **ENERGY ADVICE UNIT: UPDATE REPORT**

#### **Report by Director of Homes and Technical Services**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to inform members that as happened last year, a successful grant application has been made to British Gas for cavity wall insulation

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

British Gas Trading Energy Efficiency Standards of Performance through the EAGA Partnership has approved a contribution of £34,000 towards the cost of cavity wall insulation installed between August 2001 and 31 December 2001. This would be on condition that East Ayrshire Council match funded the contribution

#### **3. CAPITAL PLAN**

Cavity wall insulation is not specifically identified in the Housing Capital Programme but provision is included in the Service Level Agreement with The Wise Group in order that cavity insulation can be carried out from Housing Capital Contribution to insulation works. The Wise Group will use Network Installers to complete the work which will maximise on Council and British Gas Funds as these Network Installers also have Warm Deal funds to spend on our stock. The match funding required therefore exists within the Capital Programme.

The material used will be blown fibre and a 25 year Ciga Guarantee will be issued. The Network Installers have to work to very high standards (including suitability check) because they not only will be monitored by the Council but by Eaga Partnership, who have strict guidelines that must be adhered to by the Network Installers.

#### **4. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

The Capital Programme enables the Council to carry out its responsibilities towards the tenants in the maintenance and improvement of the housing stock.

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Capital programme includes insulation works to be carried out by The Wise Group and the match funding would enable further works and maximise year end expenditure in this heading.

**5. RECOMMENDATION**

Committee is asked to note the current position in respect of this enhancement of the Capital Programme Works.

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**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**Nil**

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**AGENDA**