Sustainable Housing Strategy

- Sustainable Housing Strategy Group, chaired by Deputy First Minister
- Climate Change targets, Fuel Poverty, Low carbon economy, quality housing
- Market Transformation
- Role of standards and regulation
- Incentives (NRP)
Where we are – energy efficiency

• Significant improvements in energy efficiency since 2007

• SHQS pass rate in 2010 was 50.8%

• Also, more than five out of ten PRS homes rated NHER “good” by 2010 – up from 40% in 2008

• Owner occupiers similar, but below social sector (over 70% are “good”)
The Role of Standards

- E&W PRS 2018; Scottish Ministers not before 2015 (s64)
- Sought views on if, when and how to regulate
- PRS and owner occupiers
- Feedback will inform working group to develop regulations for consultation
- Propose a lead in time between consultation and implementation
The NRP is dead...
...long live the Home Energy Efficiency Programmes for Scotland (HEEPS)
£79m funding 2013-14
HEEPS

• Upgrade Scotland’s housing stock, tackle fuel poverty and reduce carbon emissions
• Build on existing schemes – UHIS, Energy Assistance Package and Boiler Scrappage
• Over £200m p.a. funding – including Energy Company Obligation
HEEPS 2013-14

Area-based Schemes - £60m SG funding
Energy Assistance Scheme - £16m
Affordable Warmth – MoUs
Home Energy Scotland hotline, etc. - c.£3m

Working with utility companies to lever in c. £120m

Overall around £200m to improve energy efficiency and tackle fuel poverty

The Scottish Government
More money…

Also got:

• Warm Homes Fund - £7.75m SG funding
• Gas Infill Fund - £4m SG funding
• Green Deal Cash Back - £14m SG funding
Area-based schemes (ABS)

- £60m available for area based schemes
- £30m to be distributed among all 32 Councils based on need
- £30m available for additional funding
- Councils and RSLs should work together to identify fuel poor areas.
Criteria for funding (ABS)

• NRP funding is for private sector element of schemes – mixed tenure
• Demonstrate reductions in fuel poverty
• Achieve reductions in carbon emissions
• Strategic approach
• Support jobs and local economy
• Leverage ECO
# Timetable (ABS)

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| March     | • Guidance published  
           | • Core allocations circulated                                        |
|           | • Invite to submit proposals                                           |
| 19 April  | Proposals submitted to Scottish Government                             |
| Mid May   | Completion of appraisal                                                |
| End May   | Offers of grant distributed                                           |
Affordable Warmth Scheme

- ECO Home Heating Cost Reduction Obligation (a.k.a. Affordable Warmth)
- Eligibility set by UK Government – mainly based on benefits checks
- MoUs with utility companies and DWP
- Any eligible household, regardless of location, to receive a service
Energy Assistance Scheme

- ECO Affordable Warmth not the same eligibility as Energy Assistance Package
- Potential for vulnerable households to lose a service, esp. older age groups
- Extension of EAP contract with Scottish Gas
- Overall, estimate around 300,000 eligible between AWS and EAS
Conclusion

- £79m funding in 2013-14
- Additional funding from ECO
- HEEPS – ABS, AWS and EAS
- Can help landlords meet standards and fuel poor households to manage their bills more efficiently
The End

• Any questions?

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