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## Recommendation:

The Board is asked to note this item.

### 1. Context

Coast to Capital is working with the Energy Systems Catapult, local authorities, and education providers on Skills for Net Zero. This is part of a national effort to create a model for the widespread skills infrastructure needed to meet demand for clean and energy efficient homes. Coast to Capital is one of six regional centres of excellence involved as pilots for the programme. New Anglia LEP were also successful in their application and we are collaborating on developments with their team.

The Home Decarbonisation Academy Pilot is a substantial, national programme of work to be developed and delivered over an anticipated 5-year timeframe, with the pilot for our area initially focused on two local-authority areas within the region, Brighton & Hove and Crawley, both with significant social housing stock.

Project partners include the Greater South East Energy Hub, Brighton and Hove City Council, Crawley Borough Council, Chichester College Group, GB Metropolitan College, the Universities of Brighton and Sussex and the Green Growth Platform.

### 2. Progress

Coast to Capital is in the planning stages of the pilot and held an inaugural Partners Meeting on 16 February 2021. The meeting considered how local partners might work together to deliver on four distinct areas of work - skills provision, learning factories, Innovation hubs and housing stock. We also hosted a Skills and Learning Factories workshop on 11 March 2021 to discuss existing provision and facilities. Through the workshop we explored gaps in curriculum provision and facilities and how partners might work together to make the most

of available facilities and resources. We also started to develop solutions for tutor shortages and knowledge gaps.

As a part of a national pilot programme we are benefitting from the shared experience and knowledge of other LEPs and Mayoral Combined Authorities and participate regularly in national development meetings.

### **3. Next Steps**

Coast to Capital is now working closely with the Greater South East Energy Hub and pilot project partners to develop an initial draft of a business case for the pilot project.

The business case will determine the funding and resources needed to deliver the project and the opportunities for Coast to Capital in the delivery of the pilot and future roll out across the Greater South East.

### **4. Diversity Statement**

Due consideration will be given to equalities, diversity and inclusion in the development of the pilot in line with Coast to Capital's policies and those of the project partners.

### **5. Legal Statement**

There are no legal matters to consider currently.

No Legal position has been sought on this paper.

### **Annexes:**

None