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CALL TO REDUCE ENERGY CONSUMPTION UNDER THE NATIONAL FRAMEWORKS

Whilst energy prices have risen to unprecedented levels because of global influences, the Scottish Government purchasing strategy that underpins the national frameworks for the Supply of Electricity and the Supply of Natural Gas, has mitigated some of the increases for participating public bodies.

However, especially in a rising market, there are obvious cost avoidance benefits in proactively managing consumption. As an illustration, in 2023/24, for every 1% of energy saved, the public purse will benefit by more than £6m. As a user of the framework(s), you have significant influence on delivering savings to the public purse.

Given the substantially increased price risk that the recent market volatility has brought, a temporarily suspension on any new organisations joining the frameworks has been put in place by the Risk Management Committee who oversee the purchasing strategy.

In order to create some headroom for new organisations such as Charities and GP practices to join the framework and reap its benefits in due course, the current demand profile of the Electricity and Gas national agreements need to be reduced. I encourage you to look at all possible means to reduce your estate's energy consumption.

By way of example, Scottish Government is reducing its own consumption, a number of investment projects are underway across the estate; these include:

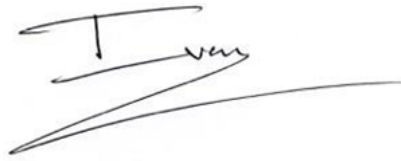
- LED lighting upgrade;
- Window Replacement;
- Insulation upgrade;
- Solar PV installation;
- Heat pump PV installation;
- Removal of gas kitchen boilers across core buildings;
- Temperature reduction;
- Zoning heating; and

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- BMS optimization.
- closure of building, or parts of building, not being used as a consequence of changes in working practices.

Your co-operation in helping deliver financial benefits while broadening access to our energy frameworks would be very much appreciated.



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