

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting29th November 2012

1. Title of Item/Report

Community Energy Saving Programme - Update

2. Record of the Decision

Members considered a report relating to the current Community Energy Saving Programme (CESP) scheme.

It was explained that the scheme would bring long-term benefits to over 1,000 private sector homes in some of the most energy inefficient domestic properties, in areas where there are also high levels of fuel poverty. The Council was supporting its partner GoWarm to deliver the scheme, which would result in reductions in carbon emissions of over 180,000 tonnes, along with substantial reductions in residents' energy bills and attendant improvements in comfort levels and health. At the time of this report 900 properties were either complete, or in the process of installation in phases 1 & 2 (LSOAs in Parkfield, Newtown, Stockton Town Centre). Phase 3 (an area of Thornaby) was starting, with the completion of the whole scheme by the end of 2012.

Additional external funding had been found by GoWarm from energy companies for boiler replacements for qualifying residents, and also for external wall insulation measures in some LSOAs that could not be included in the original Eggborough-funded scheme. This brings the level of external investment in Stockton on Tees to over £7.5m.

CESP comes to an end in December 2012, to be replaced by the Government's new initiative 'Green Deal'. Although Green Deal was principally a pay-as-you-save loan scheme, some funding would continue to be available from a levy on the energy companies, under the Energy Company Obligation. The Council, because of its previous success with CESP and CERT schemes, should be in a good position to compete for funding in the new scheme

As the national CESP scheme applied only to 17 LSOAs in the Borough, some needy areas, streets, and individual properties were not able to benefit. Under the Energy Company Obligation a further 8 LSOAs would become eligible for potential support from energy companies.

RESOLVED that:-

1. the report, and the progress made on the GoWarm CESP project.
2. Members approve continued efforts to bring in further external funding under the new Green Deal Energy Company Obligation to expand the energy efficiency measures into other areas of the Borough.
3. Reasons for the Decision

The current CESP scheme would bring long-term benefits over 1,000 private sector homes in some of the most energy inefficient domestic properties, in areas where there were also high levels of fuel poverty. The scheme would result in substantial reductions in energy bills and carbon emissions, with attendant improvements in comfort levels and health.
4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None
5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None
6. Details of any Dispensations

Not applicable
7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight on Friday, 7th December 2012

Proper Officer
03 April 2012