

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting10th September 2015

1. Title of Item/Report

Stockton's Fuel Poverty Partnership & Affordable Warmth Strategy/Action Plan

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on Stockton's Fuel Poverty Partnership and Affordable Warmth Strategy and Action Plan. A copy of the Affordable Warmth Strategy was attached to the report.

Stockton's Fuel Poverty Partnership had been operational since September 2013 as a stand-alone thematic partnership within the LSP structure. Fuel Poverty was a cross cutting issue which directly impacted on an estimated 8911 households across Stockton Borough. The report outlined the ambitions of the partnership, highlighted the achievements made so far and presented a revised Affordable Warmth Strategy and Action Plan aimed at bringing affordable warmth to many more households.

The Fuel Poverty Partnership had set a number of objectives targets and developed an action plan to reflect these with an aim of reducing the incidences of fuel poverty. The priorities were detailed within the report.

Some examples of the important delivery that had taken place under the first Affordable Warmth Strategy in the last 12 months to tackle the Partnership's objectives were detailed within the report.

The Fuel Poverty Partnership was to be commended for developing and delivering an effective strategy back in 2014 and for following its action plan through to deliver good outcomes, and it had successfully developed a revised strategy to continually improve the collective approach to delivering affordable warmth. There were 29 projects and actions contained within the strategy, partners continued to invest resources to see improvement in peoples properties and lives, and continually seek external funding to progress on this issue.

The Council would continue to monitor progress against the government's fuel poverty Low Income High Cost indicator, how many

households in Stockton-on-Tees were suffering without affordable warmth and the performance of domestic housing stock, in assessing how the Council was performing on fuel poverty. The strategy was presented to Cabinet for endorsement with a report to be provided in 12 months' time detailing performance against the action plan.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The contents of the report be noted.
2. The Affordable Warmth Strategy and Action Plan be endorsed.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To acknowledge the contribution that Stockton's Fuel Poverty Partnership is making towards tackling fuel poverty and promoting affordable warmth throughout the Borough in 2015/16 and future years, and to endorse the specific measures outlined in the attached Affordable Warmth Strategy and Action Plan.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

18th September 2015

Proper Officer
14 September 2015