

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting20th April 2017

1. Title of Item/Report

Home Energy Conservation Act (HECA) Report 2017

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on Home Energy Conservation Act (HECA) Report 2017

The Home Energy Conservation Act (1995) required all Local Authorities to prepare a report every 2 years describing the energy conservation measures that had been implemented to significantly improve domestic properties across all tenures and reduce fuel poverty. Attached to the report was Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council's submission to the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), due every two years by 31 March.

The 2017 report, covering the period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2017 included detail on the energy efficiency ambitions and progress, measures implemented using financial assistance from central Government initiatives and the delivery of our area based schemes. There had been 2 years of improvement across all the priorities under HECA including a 16.9% reduction in CO2 emissions from the domestic sector, an increase from 61 to 63 in average SAP rating across domestic properties, and a continual reduction in fuel poverty levels in Stockton-on-Tees, against a trend of national increasing fuel poverty incidences.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The positive findings from the 2017 update report, including the improvement in SAP ratings of domestic properties be noted.
2. The positive direction of travel of reducing levels of fuel poverty in the Borough compared to a continued national increase be noted.

3. Reasons for the Decision

Cabinet has supported the delivery of large scale, area based schemes targeting the most fuel poor through the installation of energy efficiency measures. This report provides a summary of the performance and an update on the national landscape with regard to financial support, while a future report will provide information on the outcomes of the Government's consultation on ECO 2017 – 2022.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None.

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Ann McCoy declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 6 - Home Energy Conservation Act (HECA) Report 2017 as she was a member of SDAIS.

Councillor Steve Nelson declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 6 - Home Energy Conservation Act (HECA) Report 2017 as he was a Director of Tristar Homes.

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

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

Midnight, 28 April 2017

Proper Officer
24 April 2017