

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting12th July 2018

1. Title of Item/Report

Affordable Warmth Outcomes

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on the Affordable Warmth Outcomes 2017/18.

Levels of fuel poverty had been increasing across the UK as energy prices rise and household incomes were squeezed. It was an issue that still affected 9,907 (12.3%) of households across Stockton-on-Tees and there were also persistent inequalities between wards and Lower Super Output Areas (LSOAs).

The inability to keep warm at home was more than just a comfort issue; it had a real measurable impact on health and wellbeing. Promoting affordable warmth and tackling fuel poverty remained at the top of the agenda in Stockton-on-Tees and the Affordable Warmth Strategy directed an approach to prioritising key issues, and delivering interventions to address them.

During the winter 2017/18 the Council had:

- supported 287 households through the Warm Homes Healthy People Programme
- assisted 206 households through Energy Champions
- have saved an estimated £41,000 for 231 households through the Big Community Switch
- brought in £616,499 of additional income for 354 vulnerable households through various programmes
- Began delivery under a £1.6 m consortium scheme to bring first time central heating systems to fuel poor households

RESOLVED that the report on outcomes to tackle fuel poverty in vulnerable households be noted.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To recognise the efforts of partnership working aimed at tackling fuel poverty and promoting affordable warmth across the borough of Stockton-on-Tees.

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 14 - Affordable Warmth Outcomes as she was a member of SDAIS.

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

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

Midnight, 20 July 2018.

Proper Officer
16 July 2018