

Action Plan – Review of Affordable Warmth

No.	Recommendation	Proposed Actions/Progress	Success Measures	Responsibility	Date
1	<p>A Stockton-on-Tees Affordable Warmth Strategy and delivery plan be developed for 2012/13 – 2015/16 to address the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase local SAP ratings; • Reduce fuel poverty rates in Stockton (dependent on household income and fuel prices); • Reduce carbon emissions; • Reduce the impact of fuel poverty on health & wellbeing (using recognised measures e.g. cold related hospital admissions) and other financial and social inequalities; • Increasing number of homes meeting Decent Homes Standards. • Encourage Registered Providers, by working in partnership with them, to incorporate targeted fuel poverty/energy efficiency measures into their repairs and renewals programme. Also that the programme is focussed on 	<p>Delivery Plan in development, to include such measures as:</p> <p><i>Solid wall properties in areas of high deprivation/fuel poverty to receive measures under CESP – EWI, A rated boilers, -draught proofing.</i></p> <p><i>Incorporate EPC and CESP data into the UNO housing database for improved accuracy of database for ECO funding bids and programme planning</i></p> <p><i>Develop, promote and deliver Green Deal Affordable Warmth & ECO schemes within the Borough, via partnership with a delivery partner to ensure maximum uptake by eligible residents and properties.</i></p> <p><i>Develop and promote collective energy switching scheme for the benefit of all residents, including off-line registrants and key-card customers. Include registered providers.</i></p>	<p>Strategy & Delivery Plan completed and actions underway</p> <p><i>1000+ private houses to receive whole house energy solutions.</i></p> <p><i>System operational. Improved accuracy of UNO database. Securing of ECO funder.</i></p> <p><i>Successful partner arrangement. 2000+ houses receiving measures.</i></p> <p><i>Successful launch of scheme. 2% of households in the Borough switch to the tariff offered (2,000), including off-line and key-cards. Follow-up auctions at 6-</i></p>	<p>Stockton BC – Technical Services to lead on strategy and delivery plan development.</p> <p><i>Stockton BC – Technical Services in partnership with GoWarm</i></p> <p><i>Stockton BC – Technical Services</i></p> <p><i>Stockton BC – Technical Services in partnership with external provider and funder</i></p> <p><i>Stockton BC WHHP project team, in partnership with iChoors, Five Lamps and SDAIS.</i></p>	<p>April 2013</p> <p><i>Jan 12 – March 13</i></p> <p><i>March 13</i></p> <p><i>Jan 2013 – Mar 2016</i></p> <p><i>Feb 2013 – May 2013. + subsequent auctions if successful</i></p>

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	LSOAs/wards with the highest levels of fuel poverty and deprivation (as rated by IMD).	<p><i>Help for fuel poor via Warm Homes Healthy People, and Promote energy efficiency in the home by behaviour change</i></p> <p><i>Reduce the number of Category 1 hazards (excess cold, damp and mould, trips and falls) in the private sector housing stock in the Borough.</i></p>	<p><i>monthly or yearly periods.</i></p> <p><i>Range of measures provided: heating improvements, benefits checks, fuel debt advice & support, warmer homes handyman service</i></p> <p><i>400 Home Energy visits in Stockton on Tees by 2013/14</i></p> <p><i>Repeat of WHHP projects in winter 13/14 and subsequent years – subject to funding allocations.</i></p> <p><i>Private Sector Housing Division are developing this with funding received from DoH and PCT .</i></p>	<p><i>Stockton BC – Warm Homes Healthy People Partnership</i></p> <p><i>Stockton on Tees BC – Private Sector Housing Division.</i></p>	<p><i>Oct 2012 – March 2013 + future winter campaigns if successful</i></p> <p><i>Jan 2013 – Mar 2016</i></p>
2	In order to achieve these objectives, a plan be developed to deliver the strategy.	<i>As above</i>	<i>As above</i>	<i>As above</i>	<i>As above</i>
3	All routes of funding are explored on an ongoing basis. This should include a dialogue with Stockton Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) over potential funding options and presenting year ROI/savings models along with other related health outcomes	<p><i>Guidance needed from Peter Kelly/Public Health on how this can be progressed.</i></p> <p><i>Annual Fuel Poverty Partnership Report</i></p>	<i>Published Fuel Poverty Data and trends for Stockton on Tees</i>	<i>Stockton on Tees Fuel Poverty Partnership</i>	<i>31/3/14</i>

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	arising from fuel poverty measures on an ongoing basis for funding consideration.				
4	SBC and delivery partners should investigate funding mechanisms potentially available to support Green Deal ‘loan’ deals including local authority and RP funds, CCG funding.	Identify partners and mechanisms to deliver Green Deal and Energy Company Obligation. Conclude viability of differed models of operation.	<i>Operational partnership and/or sign-posting mechanism for residents</i>	<i>Stockton BC – Technical Services</i>	<i>Jan 2013 – Dec 2013</i>
5	SBC should develop strategies to enable promotion and delivery of Green Deal schemes designed at tackling fuel poverty to reach fuel poor households outside the qualifying Energy Company Obligation (ECO) LSOAs. SBC should utilise the brand the Council to promote such opportunities to individual householders.	Identify partners and mechanisms to deliver Green Deal and Energy Company Obligation. Use UNO, MOSAIC, localised fuel poverty data to target specific areas. Conclude viability of differed models of operation.	<i>Operation partnership and/or sign-posting mechanism for residents</i> <i>Specific programmes in operation to assist fuel poor households not in ECO LSOAs</i>	<i>Stockton BC – Technical Services with delivery partner</i>	<i>Jan 2013 – Dec 2013</i>
6	A ‘Fuel Poverty Partnership’ is formed to bring together all key stakeholders which will, as part of its remit, monitor the progress of the Stockton-on-Tees Affordable Warmth Strategy and delivery plan and report to all relevant groups and committees and that detailed terms of reference be developed for approval by the organisations	Develop remit, structure of operation, reporting mechanisms and responsibility of a Fuel Poverty Partnership. Recruit and appoint appropriate partnership members and establish roles. Develop action plan and time scales.	<i>Creation of operation partnership.</i> <i>Preparation of Fuel Poverty Report and Action Plan for Stockton</i>	<i>Stockton BC – Technical Services & Policy Improvement and Engagement.</i> <i>Fuel Poverty Partnership</i>	

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	involved. As the lead strategic and delivery body in securing funding and delivering programmes to tackle fuel poverty in the Borough, SBC should provide the Chair to this Partnership.				
7	In addition to the regular local reporting process of the Affordable Warmth Strategy and Delivery Plan, the information and progress on this Delivery Plan be reported nationally via the Home Energy Conservation Act reporting process and Climate Local (Local Government Association mechanism for public reporting).	<p>Feed data from Affordable Warmth Review into the 2013 HECA report</p> <p>Publish data and actions on the SBC website within the framework of Climate Local Information</p>	<p><i>HECA report submitted by 31/03/13 deadline.</i></p> <p><i>Actions published by the sign up deadline</i></p>	Stockton BC – Technical Services	<p>31/03/13</p> <p>Oct 2013</p>
8	The issues of fuel poverty and affordable warmth be reflected in all relevant sections of the Stockton-on-Tees Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and other strategic and policy documents covering areas such as family poverty, financial and social exclusion.	Details of Affordable Warmth Scrutiny Review be forwarded to all relevant topic heads and sections verified before publication.	<i>Inclusions within the 2013 JSNA and subsequent publications of the JSNA</i>	JSNA Lead	<i>Annually before JSNA publication</i>

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9	An evaluation of current and planned projects be carried out to measure and understand their long term health impacts, carbon efficiency, social and economic impacts.	Commissioning of a study (finance dependent)	<i>Publication of study</i>	<i>Fuel Poverty Partnership or Affordable Warmth Officer Group</i>	<i>Provisional – March 2014</i>
10	Stockton Borough Council sign up to the Local Authority Fuel Poverty Commitment.	Cabinet Members of Housing, Health and Environment to sign up to the Fuel Poverty Commitment for Stockton on Tees Borough Council	<i>Signed declaration allocated to the Fuel Poverty Partnership</i>	<i>Stockton BC – Technical Services/Democratic Services</i>	<i>31/3/13</i>