

## Environment Select Committee

### Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 31 July 2012

#### **Review of Affordable Warmth Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)**

The Committee received a presentation regarding Stockton's housing stock and energy efficiency initiatives at their meeting on Monday 11 June. The members were informed of the data that is collected for each property in the borough which is held on the UNO database and the initiatives that have taken place to increase energy efficiency of properties.

The Committee also received a presentation from the Operations Director of GoWarm regarding GoWarm CESP, which is a partnership between Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council and GoWarm to deliver the £6m Community Energy Savings Programme project. The project offers a package of energy efficiency measures free of charge to households in Parkfield/Town Centre, Mill Lane and Newtown, and Thornaby via three phases. The measures include:

- External wall insulation
- Cavity wall insulation
- New heating systems
- Boiler replacements
- Heating controls
- Fuel switching
- Energy efficiency advice
- Benefits advice

Members attended a site visit to Phase 1 (Parkfield) on Tuesday 12 June, where they had an opportunity to see these measures being carried out and also houses where the measures had been completed.

At the meeting on 16 July the Committee received four presentations:

- Stockton and District Advice and Information Service presented information regarding the advice and help they give to reduce fuel debt, both to individuals who request help and by their involvement in local/national social policy activity and events
- NHS Stockton-on-Tees presented the impact of cold homes on health, noting the increase in deaths during the winter months (70 Excess Winter Deaths per year in Stockton-on-Tees) and the risk factors for these deaths.
- Information regarding private sector housing stock within the borough, including:
  - Stock Condition information
  - Decent Homes Standard
  - Non Decent Housing in Stockton
  - The cost to remedy non decent housing
- Information regarding the Warm Homes Health People Project which launched in February 2012, ran for 8 weeks, and delivered 760 measures. The project was delivered in partnership with several other organisations and brought together initiatives that were already in place and provided a 'one stop' access point for residents.

The final report is scheduled to be presented to Cabinet in February 2013.