

Progress Update – Review of Affordable Warmth

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| 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 | <p><i>Stockton BC – Environment Policy (EGDS) to lead on strategy and delivery plan development</i></p> <p><i>Stockton BC – Environment Policy maintain Fuel Poverty Partnership of cross sectoral partners supporting delivery</i></p> <p><i>Stockton BC – Environment Policy co-ordinate ‘Warm Homes Healthy People’ steering group</i></p> <p><i>Partners include SDAIS, Private Sector Housing, Registered Housing</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.</i></p> <p><i>+ subsequent auctions if successful</i></p> <p><i>Oct 2012 –</i></p> | <p>Quarterly meetings of the Fuel Poverty Partnership were held on 25 June and 24 September. Next meeting 16 December 2015</p> <p>The Partnership has developed a new Affordable Warmth Strategy and delivery plan (led by Environment Policy team) which was endorsed by Cabinet on 10 September and Health and Well Being Board on 30 September 2015. Plan contains refreshed objectives and targeted actions to reduce fuel poverty levels. Very warmly received by internal and external partners.</p> <p>Warm Homes Healthy People 5 affordable warmth intervention programme began on 1 October. Budget of £148k for winter 15/16 to provide emergency boiler services and repairs, energy advice, income maximisation, handypersons service, emergency heating and other measures.</p> <p>Due to reducing government financial support, Cabinet took the decision on 16 July to</p> | <p>2 – on track</p> | <p>Affordable Warmth Strategy endorsed by Cabinet on 10 Sept, and H&WB Board on 30 Sept.</p> <p>‘Warm Homes Healthy People’ 5 (WHHP) completed on 31/03/16 with 335 referrals and delivered 612 interventions.</p> <p>ECO funded external wall insulation programme completed with over 4000 properties improved since 2012/13.</p> <p>Big Community Switch delivered in November 2015. 691 households registered, 193 switched tariffs with total savings of £42,385 (Average of £222 per year per household.)</p> | <p>1 - Achieved</p> |

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| | <p>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 LSOAs/wards with the highest levels of fuel poverty and deprivation (as rated by IMD).</p> | <p><i>Providers, Five Lamps, Cleveland Fire and HV&E</i></p> | <p><i>March 2013 + future winter campaigns if successful</i></p> <p><i>Jan 2013 – Mar 2016</i></p> | <p>close the ECO funded External Wall Insulation programme with a final 88 property improvements, bringing total since 2012/13 to 3253 properties improved.</p> <p>SBC are promoting another 'Big Community Switch' programme to support domestic tariff switching. Large publicity campaign followed by auction on 12 October. Previous schemes have saved over £60k for Stockton residents.</p> <p>Significant Registered Provider investment in property improvements taking place, each RP updates Fuel Poverty Partnership quarterly</p> | | | |
| 3 | <p>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 arising from fuel poverty measures on an</p> | <p><i>Stockton on Tees Fuel Poverty Partnership</i></p> | <p><i>31/3/14</i></p> | <p>WHHP evaluation report presented to Health and Well Being Board on 30 September (26 August meeting cancelled)</p> <p>Public Health have committed £100k to WHHP programme for winter 15/16 programme</p> <p>DECC Central Heating Fund bid unsuccessful in June 2016. Potential for ERDF funding for</p> | <p>2 – on track</p> | <p>Funding secured for WHHP 6 to run 1 Oct 2016 – 31 March 2017</p> <p>Stockton and District Advice and Information Service (SDAIS) secured funding for winter resilience programme</p> <p>We will continue to</p> | <p>1 - Achieved</p> |

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| | ongoing basis for funding consideration. | | | External Wall Insulation programme was explored but financial model unsuitable. | | seek external funding for affordable warmth schemes | |
| 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. | <i>Stockton BC – Technical Services</i> | <i>Jan 2013 – Dec 2013</i> | Further reduction in available funds and subsidies through Green Deal and Energy Company Obligation (ECO) no longer provide opportunities for potential funding routes | 2 – on track | Funding secured for WHHP 6 National 'Green Deal' scheme scrapped by Government | 1 – Achieved |
| 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. | <i>Stockton BC – Technical Services with delivery partner</i> | <i>Jan 2013 – Dec 2013</i> | Further reduction in available funds and subsidies through Green Deal and Energy Company Obligation (ECO) no longer provide opportunities for potential funding routes. Local organisation GoWarm are delivering HHCRO funded boiler replacement programme up to March 2016 | 2 – on track | ECO funded external wall insulation scheme complete in Feb 2016 Green Deal scrapped nationally | 1 – Achieved |
| 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. | <i>Fuel Poverty Partnership or Affordable Warmth Officer Group</i> | <i>Provisional – March 2014</i> | External funding has been secured to undertake an academic and statistically reliable evaluation of the ECO programme. Draft Invitation to Quote (ITQ) produced and project steering group | 2 – on track | Health evaluation of the external wall insulation programme is progressing, academic study involving sample of 3000 households, | 2 – on track |

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| | | | | developed. Discussions taking place with potential delivery partners, potential for nationally significant project. As such, timetable extended to run up to June 2016. | | results and report in 16/17 | |