



# Home Energy Conservation Act 1995 Progress Report March 2013 - 2015

ACTION	DESCRIPTION	TIMING
<b>i) LOCAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY AMBITIONS AND PRIORITIES</b>	<p>The Energy Efficiency and Climate Change Strategy 2011 – 2016 has the objective of <i>‘reducing carbon dioxide emissions from domestic dwellings and commercial premises by promoting energy efficiency.’</i></p> <p>The Government has set a target of cutting carbon by 80% by 2050 nationally, the council will use its leadership role to encourage and lead by example to ensure that residents businesses and organisations are able to make their own contribution.</p> <p>The performance on carbon emissions and fuel poverty is 2.3 tonnes of CO2 per capita and 21.6% of households are fuel poor [data from DECC Fuel Poverty Statistics 2010]. The number of fuel poor households is 5.2% more than the national average.</p> <p>.We will aim to reduce fuel poverty within the Borough by promoting initiatives and supporting key programmes, such as Green Deal, ECO and income maximisation projects. This will take account of the revised approach to measuring fuel poverty and an alternative definition of fuel poverty expected from the Government later this year following the review it commissioned led by Professor John Hills.</p> <p>The Council is a signatory to the Nottingham Declaration and intends to commit to the Local Government Association initiative “Climate Local”.</p>	<p>2016</p> <p>2016</p> <p>2013</p>
<b>ii) MEASURES WE ARE TAKING TO RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS OF OUR RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION</b>		

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<b>Green Deal and ECO</b>	<p>There are a 3 approaches local authorities might choose to adopt in engaging with the Green Deal: Promoter, Partnership or Provider. Each of these options have advantages and disadvantages. However, the position that Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council wishes to take is the partnership approach. This will help ensure that the funding will remain within the area and local businesses will be involved in delivering the installations</p> <p>The council are working with Stoke on Trent City Council and Cheshire West and Chester Council to establish an agency to deliver a one stop shop approach that will; provide focussed marketing and promotion, secure ECO funding and manage Green Deal/Eco measures across the North Staffordshire region and Cheshire.</p> <p>Internally the council will undertake preparatory work to remove potential barriers to Green Deal by developing a local approach to address any potential planning issues so that green deal applicants can be fully aware of any planning implications associated with installing particular measures.</p>	<p>2013</p> <p>2013</p>
<b>Feed in Tariffs scheme</b>	<p>The Borough Council does not hold residential housing stock. It has however, installed solar PV arrays to it's leisure centre which acts as an exemplar to the community.</p> <p>There are approximately 9,500 social rented properties within the Borough. We will work with the Registered Social Landlords and facilitate the installation of energy measures within the Borough. Aspire Housing, the largest RSL within the Borough have recently installed solar PV arrays to 400 properties saving an estimated £100 per year in electricity costs for each household.</p>	<p>2014</p>
<b>Renewable Heat Premium Payment</b>	<p>Aspire Housing was successful in securing funds from the Social Landlords elements of the Renewable Heat Premium Payment to install 57 air source heat pumps to their off gas housing stock. A further round of funding will be available, which they will seek to access for additional off-gas properties.</p>	<p>2013</p>
<b>Zero Carbon Homes</b>	<p>To ensure all new built homes are zero carbon by 2016 we as part of a Staffordshire wide consortium of local authorities will formulate guidance on Sustainable Construction and Renewable Energy. The guidance will provide information, to building contractors particularly those that are building extensions to ensure they develop efficient buildings,,</p>	<p>2014</p>
<b>EPCs</b>	<p>We will continue to ensure that landlords, agents and those selling or letting their homes</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

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	are aware of their legal obligation to provide and make available Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs).	
<b>Minimum standards in the private rental sector</b>	We will continue to enforce the Housing and Health Rating System contained within the Housing Act 2004 to reduce the effects of excess cold upon occupants by requiring repairs and insulation measures by notice if necessary. We will also encourage high standards through the North Staffordshire Landlord Accreditation Scheme which requires high energy efficiency standards in dwellings let within the scheme.	Ongoing
<b>Smart meters</b>	The major national roll out of smart meters will start in 2014 with the aim of all households receiving them by 2019. We will work with energy companies who are delivering ECO, Green Deal and other assistance to seek for them to provide at nil cost to residents smart meters whilst they undertake the improvement works to their homes.	2014
<b>Reduction of Energy Costs</b>	Newcastle under Lyme recognise the potential benefits of a collective switching scheme for the residents of the borough and will be working with the People's Power, who were successful in their funding to DECC to deliver a scheme within the Borough. Although, the scheme is open to all residents, there will be a specific focus in engaging vulnerable residents and tenants, who are otherwise, disengaged from seeking the best price for energy. It is anticipated that this will have a positive impact on the alleviating fuel poverty within the Borough.	2013
<b>iii) MEASURES WE PROPOSE TO COST EFFECTIVELY DELIVER ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS IN RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION BY USING AREA BASED/STREET BY STREET ROLL OUT.</b>		
	<p>The following super output areas have been identified within Newcastle under Lyme as being eligible for Carbon Savings Community Obligation (CSCO):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newcastle-under-Lyme 010B: Lower Milehouse, Cross Heath</li> <li>• Newcastle-under-Lyme 010C Saints Estate Knutton &amp; Silverdale</li> <li>• Newcastle-under-Lyme 007B Audley Road/Crackley Chesterton</li> <li>• Newcastle-under-Lyme 003D Butt Lane</li> <li>• Newcastle-under-Lyme 002C Kidsgrove</li> </ul> <p>The CSCO is also applied to households in rural areas who are deemed to be in the Affordable Warmth Group.</p> <p>It proposed that area based energy efficiency retrofit schemes approach will be delivered within these areas, and measures will be installed in a large number of these properties.</p> <p>The Council will identify those lower super output areas which have high numbers of fuel</p>	Ongoing

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	poverty households, particularly those in the private sector. These residents are more likely to require energy efficiency measures than those living in social housing where due to previous programmes measures have already been installed. These will become priority areas for the promotion and delivery of measures to be funded by the Affordable Warmth Target and the Carbon Emission Reduction Target of ECO.	
<b>iv) TIME FRAME FOR DELIVERY AND NATIONAL AND LOCAL PARTNERS</b>		
	<p>We are looking to take a partnership approach to Green Deal and ECO, working with Stoke on Trent City Council and Cheshire West and Chester Council to establish an agency, which will secure ECO funding and manage Green Deal across the North Staffordshire region and Cheshire.</p> <p>We will establish a forum of local partners, consisting of Registered Social Landlords, Revival Home Improvement Agency, Beat the Cold which will meet on a quarterly basis to explore and co-ordinate the opportunities presented by the ECO, Green Deal and other initiatives.</p>	2013

**SIGNED OFF BY:**

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**POSITION:**

Chief Executive

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