

HOME ENERGY CONSERVATION ACT UPDATE

BOLTON 2015

ACTION	DETAILS	TIMING
1. LOCAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY AMBITIONS AND PRIORITIES		
Performance and Achievements	<p>There are currently 17,019¹ fuel poor households living in Bolton, which equates to 14.8% of all households. This is a reduction from 19.7% of all households in 2013.</p> <p>We have committed to Climate Local and published a Risk Log which is available at; http://www.bolton.gov.uk/website/pages/Sustainabledevelopment.aspx</p> <p>Bolton has achieved the following successes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Delivery of 7973 ECO measures, which equates to 67.4 measures per 1000 households (to end September 14). ➤ 1815 Green Deal Assessments carried out ➤ 29 Green Deal Home Improvement Fund vouchers paid ➤ 166 measures installed under the Greater Manchester Toasty scheme (Apr 13-May14) including; boiler replacement, external wall, cavity and loft insulation. ➤ 277 measures in 197 households installed under the Greater Manchester Little Bill scheme (May 14-Sep14) including; boiler replacement, heating controls, loft, roof, under floor and cavity wall insulation. ➤ 200 energy efficient measures installed between Apr 13 – Dec 15 through Bolton’s local Affordable Warmth schemes, reducing the annual carbon dioxide emissions and annual fuel bills of those households. ➤ Between 2013-15 we have secured over £164k additional funding from partners involved in our Warm Home Healthy People Steering Group to replace the Department of Health ‘Warm Homes Healthy People’ funding and enable us to set up schemes to help people keep warm in winter. 	On going

¹ DECC, Sub-regional Fuel Poverty England 2012, 10% definition (June 2014)

2. MEASURES WE ARE TAKING TO RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS OF OUR RESIDENTIAL ACCOMODATION

<p>Green Deal and ECO</p>	<p>Bolton is part of the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities, which works collectively across Greater Manchester to provide a Green Deal Framework.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Green Deal Communities We are utilising funding available via Green Deal Communities to develop community based External Wall Insulation schemes in the private sector. This funding has now been extended to September 2015 and we will explore opportunities for further schemes with our framework partner. There are currently around 200 properties being targeted via this approach. ➤ ECO We are utilising funding available via ECO to increase the number of boiler repairs and replacements we are able to deliver in Bolton. Referrals have been dealt with via the Greater Manchester Energy Advice service and will now be dealt with via our Home Improvement Agency. 	<p>Installations before December 2015</p> <p>On going</p>
<p>Fuel Poverty</p>	<p>Our Affordable Warmth Strategy action plan has been refreshed to reflect the priorities set out in ‘Cutting the Cost of Keeping Warm – A fuel poverty strategy for England’. Priority work areas that impact on fuel poverty are set out below.</p> <p>Identifying the most vulnerable households through improved use of data and research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Explore opportunities for data sharing between housing, adult services and health organisations ➤ Improve targeting of interventions at those who have health conditions linked to living in a cold home ➤ Improve understanding of fuel poverty <p>Improving the energy efficiency of our housing stock</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Continued delivery of successful private sector home improvement schemes ➤ Improved social rented housing stock via schemes delivered by BCH partners ➤ Encourage private landlords to make energy efficient improvements to their properties <p>Improving awareness and understanding of fuel poverty and the importance of warm homes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Improve awareness of fuel poverty and warm homes messages via public facing marketing campaign ➤ Develop and implement a programme of behaviour change related work to educate households how to use domestic energy more effectively ➤ Develop and implement a programme of awareness raising and training for relevant professionals on the impacts of living in a cold home 	<p>On going</p>
<p>Zero Carbon Homes</p>	<p>The Council intends to publish a Supplementary Planning Document on sustainable design and construction, which will provide guidance for local developers to help them meet our targets. It will build on Bolton’s Core Strategy, adopted in</p>	<p>On going</p>

	<p>2011, which provides the policy context for working towards minimising energy requirements and improving energy efficiency within new developments.</p> <p>Since 2011 the Core Strategy has required that proposals of five or more dwellings should achieve Level 3 of the Code for Sustainable Homes and to additionally incorporate decentralised renewable or low carbon energy sources to reduce CO2 emissions by at least 10%.</p>	
Minimum standards in the private rented sector	<p>We work with private sector landlords to promote relevant local and national energy efficiency schemes. This is via Bolton Landlord Accreditation Scheme, Landlord Forums and email announcements. We have also proactively worked to engage landlords in Green Deal Communities areas to encourage take up to our EWI schemes.</p> <p>We will be using these routes of communication to share messages about required property standards, EPC ratings and landlord consents to energy efficient works.</p>	<p>On going</p> <p>2016 - 2018</p>
3. MEASURES WE PROPOSE TO COST EFFECTIVELEY DELIVER ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS IN RESIDENTIAL ACCOMODATION BY USING AREA BASED ROLL OUT		
Stock Data	<p>We will update our Private Sector Stock Condition Database. This provides modelled data at individual property level which informs of the prevalence of HHSRS hazards relating to excess cold, fuel poor households, overall stock decency and other factors relating to stock condition. This data will be used to target areas, streets and individual properties with relevant interventions.</p>	<p>April 2015</p>
4. TIME FRAME DELIVERY AND NATIONAL AND LOCAL PARTNERS		
Delivery	<p>We are working with the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities via the Green Deal Framework to deliver Green Deal, Green Deal Communities and ECO (HHCRO). Our Green Deal Framework partner is Keepmoat Regeneration.</p> <p>We are working with Bolton Care and Repair, our Home Improvement Agency, to deliver our local affordable warmth grants and schemes.</p>	<p>Until December 2015</p> <p>On going</p>
Partners	<p>Our partners engaged via our Warm Homes Health People Steering Group are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Bolton at Home ➤ Bolton Care and Repair ➤ Bolton Community Homes (partnership of Registered Providers) ➤ Citizens Advice 	<p>On going</p>

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