

## **HECA Action List**

**For  
Test Valley Borough Council**



Supplementary to the 'HECA Further Report Information' Excel document.

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### **Introduction**

Having carried out extensive research, and considering the findings of the base line data report produced by tEC, the below are some recommendations for actions towards Test Valley Borough Council's HECA Further Report. Please use these recommendations as a basis for discussions with your team and other partners in order to identify which actions you feel are most appropriate for formulating future energy efficiency plans for residential accommodation in the Borough.

This information is based on the requirements set out in the 'Guidance to English Energy Conservation Authorities issued pursuant to the Home Energy Conservation Act 1995, July 2012' document, and exemplified in the Further Report template attached to the aforementioned document.

### **i) Local Energy Efficiency Ambitions and Priorities – proposed actions**

1. Write a bespoke Fuel Poverty Strategy for the borough; from this determine viable reduction in fuel poverty (inc. timescale). Attendance at Hampshire Energy Efficiency Partnership meetings may be helpful in order to ascertain other local authorities' plans or current activities. Please note that the definition of fuel poverty is changing as a result of the Hills Review, which may affect the development of your Fuel Poverty Strategy.
2. Determine % reduction in CO2 emissions from 2012 levels, in order to meet national target of 34% reduction on 1990 levels.
3. Look at ways to improve the EPC ratings of the 26% of TVBC privately rented accommodation which does not meet Decent Homes Standard (largely via improvement/replacement of heating systems and SWI). Other local authorities in the area have recently implemented landlord registration schemes to improve the quality of privately rented accommodation. TVBC could look at the feasibility of implementing a similar scheme.
4. Commit to Climate Local (if deemed appropriate). Once you have signed-up, you will be asked to set out the commitments and actions you intend to undertake locally. You will be asked to do this within six months of signing up.

[http://www.local.gov.uk/web/guest/the-lga-and-climate-change/-/journal\\_content/56/10171/3574359/ARTICLE-TEMPLATE](http://www.local.gov.uk/web/guest/the-lga-and-climate-change/-/journal_content/56/10171/3574359/ARTICLE-TEMPLATE)

5. 25% of homes in the Borough are off gas – talk to the Southern Gas Network about the potential of connecting more properties to mains gas. Funding is available with certain criteria.
6. Look at the heating oil collective purchasing ‘oil club’ website – <http://www.oil-club.co.uk>, and publicise to appropriate residents.
7. Promote low carbon heat generating technologies, including biomass, to link in with increasing uptake of the Renewable Heat Premium Payment (RHPP) and Renewable Heat Incentive (point 5 below). Promotion could be via the Planning Department and/or by signposting to other organisations such as tEC for further advice (and referral to approved installers).

## **ii) Measures being taken to ensure significant energy efficiency improvements of residential accommodation - actions**

1. Look at current levels of insulation installations (HECA Base Line Data Report from tEC (data from 2008/09 - 2011/12); contact Insulate Hampshire for 2012/13 data). Is this something which could be improved upon or upheld through to the end of CERT, and through the transition into ECO and Green Deal? Currently tEC provides a home insulation referral service to Hampshire residents through the Hitting the Cold Spots project’s free phone advice line (until 31/03/2012).
2. Identify partnerships with Green Deal Providers.
3. Decide on % increase in future PV installations.
4. Develop communication strategy to make public aware of the Renewable Heat Premium Payment.
5. Decide on % increase in future renewable heat installations (following receipt of data on current RHPP payments from EST/DECC. – We have tried to access this data on your behalf but are still waiting for the results).
6. Decide what action can be taken to promote/legislate for building zero carbon homes, in conjunction with the Planning Department. TVBC could require developers to comply with the Code for Sustainable Homes (CSH) by including a requirement in their planning policy. Currently, affordable housing funded by the Homes and Community Agency requires homes to be built to CSH level 3. In addition, the CSH Level 3 energy standard

is now incorporated in Building Regulations, however TVBC could encourage greater energy efficiency by more favourably viewing proposed developments meeting CSH Level 4 (or higher).

7. Obtain and analyse EPC data. Communicate importance of good EPC rating to landlords, tenants, home owners and estate agents - link with Green Deal and ECO. (EPC data can be purchased from Landmark)
8. Identify landlord energy efficiency schemes in the Borough.
9. Develop smart meter installation plan and accompanying communication strategy.

**iii) Measures proposed to cost effectively deliver energy efficiency improvements in residential accommodation by using area based/street by street roll out - actions**

1. Identify local partners for area based energy measures.
2. Identify target areas and priority roll out.
3. Talk to other agencies to ascertain their current initiatives and future plans for refurbishment/regeneration.
4. Decide on how many households will receive energy efficiency improvements, and in which geographical areas.

**iv) Time frame for delivery and National and Local partners - actions**

1. Continue to actively support and promote the Hitting the Cold Spots project.
2. Contact Insulate Hampshire and request information on 2012/13 installations in the TVBC area (inc. solid wall? CERT or ECO funded?).
3. Talk to Southern Gas Network about the potential of connecting more properties to mains gas.
4. Meet with Aster (and other Registered Social Landlords) to discuss their plans for improving properties, any funding they may be planning to use, and whether they have been approached by any Green Deal providers yet.

5. Identify local delivery partners.
6. Talk to HCC and other LAs in the region about what they are planning for the HECA Further Report and any Green Deal partnerships/consortiums. This networking and idea sharing will be aided by membership of Climate Local. Attendance at Hampshire Energy Efficiency Partnership meetings would be a good starting point.
7. Communicate opportunities to local SMEs, suppliers, training providers, FE institutions.