



HERTSMERE BOROUGH COUNCIL
HOME ENERGY CONSERVATION ACT FURTHER REPORT
MAY 2013

LOCAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY AMBITIONS AND PRIORITIES		
	- Hertsmere Borough Council signed up to the Nottingham declaration in 2007, it is considering joining Climate Local as a partner through the Hertfordshire Sustainability Forum., to demonstrate our on-going commitment - The Council will support the Government's targets to eradicate fuel poverty by 2016 by signposting to the support available for income maximisation and getting a cheaper energy tariff. - The Council is a partner of the collective energy scheme in the Eastern Region (IChooseer)	2013 2016 2012 - on-going
MEASURES WE ARE TAKING TO RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS OF RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION IN THE BOROUGH		
<i>Note the council does not hold housing stock</i>		
Development Control	- In accordance with Policy CS16 of the adopted Hertsmere Core Strategy development proposals are required to incorporate sustainability principles into their design, make efficient use of natural resources, seek reduced levels of energy consumption and use energy from renewable sources. - Policy CS17 requires all new building from 2016 to be zero carbon in line with amendments to Part L of the Building Regs. To support this, the Council will produce further guidance as required on Allowable Solutions and a Community Energy Fund. Hertsmere Borough Council is part of a consortium which supports the Building Futures Guidance notes. Building Futures is an evolving web-based guide, designed to provide practical, user-friendly and up to date guidance. One of the ten modules focuses on energy and climate change. The Energy and Climate Change module provides up to date guidance on the policies and principles surrounding sustainable energy management and carbon reductions within the built environment. Recently launched the Building futures toolkit which: virtual townscape, users of the toolkit can choose one of six development types, from extensions to large scale mixed use development, to navigate a wealth of sustainable design guidance on issues such as water, climate change and place making, in a visual and engaging way - Hertsmere Planning and Design Guide Part D (2013) also seeks to provide further guidance on space	On-going

Homelessness	standards and design to ensure that homes are of an appropriate size and design, which include energy saving design. The council maintains 28 units, and has a program of boiler, and insulation replacement in progress	
Minimum standards in the private rental sector	- Hertsmere Borough Council respond to complaints from tenants in private rented accommodation under the housing act (2004) and requires Landlords to provide minimum standards - The Council is also proactive, it has organised Landlord's forums and works with letting agents to raise awareness of Landlords's duties to provide minimum standards and the assistance that is available to improve the energy efficiency of their properties. - The Council will work with Climate Energy in facilitating ECO funding to tackle hard to treat properties in Hertsmere, by engaging with key community groups and organisations.	On-going 2013
All sectors	The Council is a member of I Choose the collective energy scheme for the eastern region, the council promotes this through the web site and has trained customer service representatives to provide assistance to tenants and residents.	2012 on-going.
TIME FRAME FOR DELIVERY AND NATIONAL AND LOCAL PARTNERS		
	- Hertsmere Borough Council is working with Hertfordshire County Council (along with the 10 other district councils in the county) to deliver the keep warm stay well scheme, and supported Hertfordshire's successful application to the warmer homes healthy people fund. - Working with the third sector (Groundwork) there have been over 250 interventions (keep warm stay well scheme) within the borough in the last 6 months. - The Council leads the Hertfordshire Sustainability Forum (HSF), which is exploring the feasibility of setting up a Green Deal consortium for local authorities in the County.	



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