

CHICHESTER DISTRICT COUNCIL
HOME ENERGY CONSERVATION ACT 1996
FURTHER REPORT

ACTION	EXAMPLE	TIMING
1. LOCAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY AMBITIONS AND PRIORITIES		
	<p><u>Carbon emissions</u> Carbon emissions in the district are 7.8 tCO₂ per capita (2011) and 32% (2.5 tCO₂) of these emissions are from domestic sources. This has reduced from 9.3 tCO₂ per capita in 2005 when the proportion from domestic sources was also 32% (3.0 tCO₂). These figures were taken from DECC CO₂ emissions within the scope of influence of local authorities' statistics for local government.</p> <p>The Council's Climate Change Strategy 2008/2013 action plan is currently being reviewed. One of the key targets in the plan is to reduce carbon emissions (CO₂) from the Council's operational activities by 5% per year.</p> <p><u>Fuel poverty</u> The Government's 2010 sub-regional data for fuel-poverty indicates that 14.7% of residents in the district are in fuel poor households.</p> <p>The Council, in partnership with Arun District Council, operates a Wellbeing Home scheme which provides free home energy visits to people living in colds and damp homes or who have health issues. They will be referred to Green Deal initiatives if it will assist in reducing energy bills and alleviate fuel-poverty.</p> <p><u>Private Sector Housing</u> We work with landlords, through our accreditation scheme, to improve the energy efficiency of dwellings in the private rented sector. The scheme targets houses in multiple occupation, which traditionally provide the poorest quality housing. We provide financial assistance to assist landlords to bring their properties to the accreditation standard, which includes the requirement for loft and cavity wall insulation and effective heating controls. To date we</p>	<p>2013</p> <p>On-going</p> <p>On-going</p>

	<p>have accredited 236 dwellings and paid 185 landlord accreditation assistance grants.</p> <p>We will use enforcement powers, as appropriate, to tackle any dwellings in the private rented sector found to have a category 1 hazard for excess cold.</p> <p>Our Private Sector Renewal Policy provides a range of loans and subsidies to assist owner occupiers to ameliorate any category 1 hazards under the Housing Health and Safety Rating System that exist in their homes. Evidence indicates that excess cold is the most commonly found hazard affecting residential properties in the district. We work with our partner, The Parity Trust, to deliver these initiatives. The availability of the scheme is widely advertised.</p> <p>We will be undertaking a private sector stock condition modelling project in 2013/14 that will include an energy efficiency profile of the stock and will inform the future targeting of initiatives.</p> <p>We run a social letting agency (Homefinder) to assist households that are homeless or threatened with homelessness to access the private rented sector. All properties used are inspected to ensure they have no category 1 hazards. All properties we directly manage (24) have a current EPC certificate which we have commissioned.</p> <p>We have a Low Carbon Chichester District Fund that assists community buildings and groups of domestic properties to benefit from works to improve energy efficiency and reduce carbon emissions.</p>	<p>On-going</p> <p>On-going</p> <p>2014</p> <p>On-going</p> <p>On-going</p>
<p>2. MEASURES WE ARE TAKING TO RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS OF OUR RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION.</p>		
<p>Green Deal and ECO</p>	<p>We are an advocate for the Green Deal concept through the Sussex Energy Saving Partnership. It involves the county councils and districts and boroughs throughout Sussex.</p> <p>The procurement is in progress and it is expected that the contract for the preferred delivery partner will be awarded in October 2013.</p> <p>The scheme will assist homeowners and tenants to reduce their energy use with no upfront costs. It will encourage local economic growth through job creation.</p>	<p>October 2013</p>

	<p><u>Energy Companies Obligations</u> West Sussex County Council has an agreement with British Gas to deliver this initiative. We have identified Registered Providers of Social Housing and landed estates with large numbers of hard to treat buildings so that the project manager can contact them with the aim of undertaking group energy efficiency improvement schemes. There will be a focus on properties in off gas areas with solid wall construction.</p>	On-going
Zero Carbon Homes	The Council's emerging local plan requires new homes to achieve a minimum of Code Level 4 from 2013 to 2016 and Level 5 from 2016.	2013
EPCs	<p><u>Private Rented Sector</u> We ensure that all properties let through our Homefinder scheme have valid EPCs. All accredited properties must have a valid EPC and they must have cavity wall insulation (if appropriate), adequate loft insulation and enhanced heating controls. We aim to accredit 25 additional properties each year.</p>	On-going
Minimum standards in the private rented sector	<p>We will continue to use the provisions of the Housing Act 2004 to ensure that all category 1 Housing Health and Safety Rating System hazards are removed from the private rented sector.</p> <p>We have a regular landlords, forum and are a partner in the University of Chichester's landlords' forum. We will continue to promote energy efficiency and the Green Deal initiative through this mechanism.</p> <p>The Council's landlord accreditation scheme will continued to be promoted in order to enhance the energy efficiency of accredited private rented sector dwellings and we will actively encourage accredited landlords to make use of the Green Deal initiative.</p>	On-going
Energy Monitoring	Energy suppliers are committed to installing smart meters in all residential premises by 2019. British Gas has commenced the roll out of smart meters and Scottish and Southern will commence its programme in 2014.	On-going
3. TIME FRAME FOR DELIVERY AND NATIONAL AND LOCAL PARTNERS		
	<p><u>Sussex Energy Saving Partnership</u> We are working with West and East Sussex County Councils, and the following district and borough councils: Arun, Adur, Crawley, Eastbourne, Hastings, Horsham, Lewis, Mid-Sussex, Rother, Wealdon and Worthing on a Green Deal initiative titled Sussex Energy Partnership.</p> <p>We are currently at the procurement stage for the delivery partner, tender documents have been issued and it is anticipated that the contract will be awarded in October 2013.</p> <p>The partnership has worked with the Local Enterprise Partnership Board and has received it</p>	

	<p>support for a bid for £66 million low cost borrowing. If the bid is successful it will underpin the scheme and ensure that homeowners will achieve energy savings in the most cost effective way.</p> <p>Given that the delivery partner will not be appointed until October 2013 it is unlikely that the scheme will fully commence until 2014.</p> <p>The outputs for the Chichester District will be determined with the delivery provider.</p>	2014
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Signed off by: Diane Shepherd

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