



Energy Efficiency in Private sector homes:

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Useful information

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1. Purpose of report

1.1 The Economic Development Transport and Climate Emergency (EDTCE) scrutiny committee meeting will receive a presentation on the 7th December on Energy efficiency schemes in private sector housing in the city.

2. Recommended action

2.1 Members of EDTCE scrutiny committee are asked to comment on the programme of work and the issues and challenges in delivering this work within the restrictions that apply.

3. Detailed report

3.1 The presentation will focus on the following areas:

- Typical Leicester housing stock
- The co-benefits of delivering energy efficiency in homes
- What good retrofit looks like
- Barriers to retrofit delivery
- Projects achieved to date
- Projects in progress
- Links and joined up working

The presentation will outline the key programmes that have already been delivered and the programmes that are currently live. It will demonstrate the joined up working across the authority and with other partners. It will also set out the challenges and demands going forward for the city.

4. Financial, Legal and other implications

Financial implications

Central Government typically uses local authorities to channel grant funding for the purpose of improving the energy efficiency of private sector homes. As an overview of overview of the key delivery programmes, there are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Stuart McAvoy – Head of Finance

Legal implications

This report provides an overview of the work relating to energy efficiency in private housing being undertaken in Leicester and as such there are no direct legal implications. Should any legal assistance be required the Legal team should be contacted.

Tracey Wakelam

Principal Lawyer

Commercial, Property and Planning

Climate Change and Carbon Reduction implications

Housing is responsible for a third of Leicester's overall carbon emissions. The city council declared a Climate Emergency in 2019 and has set an aim to achieve net zero carbon emissions for the city and council by 2030. Addressing these emissions is vital to meeting our ambition, including within private sector housing, which makes up a significant majority of the stock in Leicester.

This report provides details on a number of schemes being undertaken by the council to improve the energy efficiency and reduce the carbon emissions of Leicester's private homes through measures including insulation, low carbon heating and solar PV panels. As detailed within the attached slides, improving the energy efficiency of these homes will also deliver a range of co-benefits including warmer and healthier homes which are less expensive to run.

Whilst progress is being made, it should be noted that meeting the council's net zero ambition will require additional action at a huge scale, supported by national government, to deliver the level of carbon savings required.

Aidan Davis, Sustainability Officer, Ext 37 2284

Equalities implications

This report relates to a presentation on energy efficiency schemes in private sector housing in the city which provides an overview of the work relating to energy efficiency in private housing being undertaken in Leicester and as such there are no direct equality implications. However, initiatives that aim to improve the energy efficiency of homes will lead to positive impacts for people from across all protected characteristics. Improved energy efficiency can potentially reduce energy consumption, and thus energy costs.

Equalities Officer, Surinder Singh, Ext 37 4148

6. Is this a private report (If so, please indicated the reasons and state why it is not in the public interest to be dealt with publicly)?

No

7. Is this a “key decision”?

No

