

FURTHER REPORT: South Ribble Borough Council, March 2013

i) LOCAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND FUEL POVERTY AMBITIONS AND PRIORITIES			
ACTION	OUTCOMES	TIMING	COMMENTS
Carbon Reduction Target (20% reduction)	<p>The Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) has produced various figures for carbon reduction for the area from the highest in 2006 at 274Kt to the lowest at 240kt in 2009.</p> <p>The target set uses the 2005 figures of 271Kt as a baseline. This figure has been used because since 2005 we have implemented 11,403 insulation measures and the council has made substantial investment in delivering home energy measures. This reduces the future opportunities that we can take and identify. The figure also takes account of the fact that in the first few years of implementation the Green Deal will be slow to establish.</p> <p>An achievable but ambitious carbon reduction target would be recommended at 20% for the period 2013 – 2027. This would deliver a 1.66% per year reduction in carbon emissions equivalent to 4498.6 tonnes achieving an overall reduction of 5.4Kt by 2027.</p>	2013 - 2027	
Fuel Poverty Target (Keep level below both national and Lancashire levels 15%)	<p>In 2010 16.4% of all households nationally are reported to be in fuel poverty in Lancashire it is 20.5%</p> <p>The stock condition survey in 2012 has identified that the level of fuel poverty in South Ribble is at 15.5% which is equivalent to 6564 properties.</p> <p>The proposed target is to aim to maintain the numbers in fuel poverty below both the Lancashire and National fuel poverty levels reported. This takes into account the fact that recent energy price rises and that a 5% increase in fuel prices with a freeze on annual incomes would increase fuel poverty to 17%.</p>	2013 - 2027	

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<p>Central Lancashire Core Strategy July 2012</p>	<p>Our aim is to ensure that all new dwellings will meet the following levels in the Code for Sustainable Homes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code level 3 until 31st December 2012 • Code level 4 from 1st January 2013 • Code level 6 from 1st January 2016 <p>With the trigger for corrective action where more than 5% of all developments fail to meet standards on a rolling 3 year average</p>	<p>Up to 31st Dec 2012 From 1st Jan 2013 From 1st Jan 2016</p>	
<p>ii) MEASURES WE ARE TAKING TO RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENT OF OUR RESIDENTIAL ACCOMODATION</p>			
<p>Green Deal and Energy Company Obligation (ECO)</p>	<p>SRBC will take the role of promoter for the Green Deal, there are no plans to become a Green Deal Provider</p> <p>We will actively promote and work with any approved provider to deliver Green Deal measure based on our 5 neighbourhoods which will be targeted based on the highest fuel poverty levels.</p> <p>Promotion will be via council website, Forward paper, leaflets attendance at My Neighbourhood forums and where appropriate letters from the council.</p> <p>Early discussions have started on a partner approach to Green Deal and securing ECO funding through the Lancashire Home Energy Officers Group, it is expected that actions will be developed during 2013.</p> <p>SRBC will actively be involved in the selection of any Green deal provider for Lancashire through the Lancashire Energy officers group.</p> <p>South Ribble officers will look at options to work with both providers and energy retailers to ensure the maximum ECO funding is attracted to the borough</p> <p>We will work closely with providers in the area so that we can collate information on measures installed which will enable us to submit further reports to DECC and monitor outcomes.</p>	<p>Preparatory work during 2013</p>	

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EPCs	<p>Based on the 2012 Stock condition survey the average Standard Assessment Procedure (SAP) rating was identified as 60.2 compared to the national average of 52.9. The council will work with Green Deal providers to ensure that the SAP rating remains above the national average.</p> <p>SRBC will ensure that this is a requirement as part of the social letting scheme and private landlord bond schemes, and will ensure valid EPC are available when visit Private rented accommodation. We will also ensure private sector officers promote the Green deal scheme.</p> <p>We will raise awareness on the requirement of EPCs for Private Rented properties via website and leaflets in preparation for mandatory requirement's in 2018 SRBC will look at ways how Landlords can obtain EPC's easily and investigate cost efficient ways of providing EPCs.</p>		
Minimum standards in the private rental sector	<p>Ensure all private rented properties will meet the minimum standards on Energy Efficiency for letting –</p> <p>From 2018 all private rented property will have to meet a minimum energy rating of a Band E on an EPC assessment, in preparation for this SRBC will work to inform and educate landlords via website, press releases and working with Lancashire Trading Standards.</p>	2018	
Smart Meters	SRBC will engage with energy retailers, planning and developers to encourage pilot schemes and to ensure this can be undertaken	2020	
iii) MEASURES WE PROPOSE TO COST EFFECTIVELY DELIVER ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS IN RESIDENTIAL ACCOMODATION BY USING AREA BASED / STREET BY STREET ROLL OUT			
	<p><i>South Ribble Borough Council has 5 neighbourhoods where measures for fuel poverty will be targeted; this will be carried out systematically on an area by area basis which would then be broken down further to target individual street as identified in the 2012 Stock Condition Survey.</i></p> <p><i>The 5 Neighbourhoods are –</i></p> <p><i>Penwortham ,Western Parishes (Longton, Hutton, New Longton, Whitestake, Walmer</i></p>	2013 - 2027	

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	<p><i>Bridge, Little Hoole & Much Hoole), Eastern (Samlesbury, Coupe Green, Gregson Lane, Walton le Dale, Higher Walton, Bamber Bridge), Central (Lostock Hall, Tardy Gate, Farington) and Leyland (Including Buckshaw Village)</i></p>		
iv) FUEL POVERTY ACTIONS			
<p>South Ribble Warm Homes Healthy People Project.</p>	<p>Across Lancashire £716,818 has been secured from the Department of Health this Winter to support local projects which reduce the levels of deaths and illness of vulnerable people living in cold housing. County-wide this funding is being used to raise awareness of the issues of cold housing and poor health amongst key frontline staff in the health and social care sectors, and to provide them with contact details to refer vulnerable households to the practical help available.</p> <p>The funding secured for South Ribble Borough Council was £67602.00, the Council is delivering measures to help elderly and vulnerable householders to stay warm and safe in their homes, these measure are being delivered through our partners who will be Age Concern Central Lancashire, Help Direct, South Ribble Gateway, Lancashire Fire & Rescue, South Ribble Churches and New Progress Housing Group. The measures delivered under the Warm Homes Funding are - Free Gas servicing for boiler and gas fires, Free replacement of a gas appliance (gas boiler or Gas Fire) where it has been condemned or deemed uneconomical to repair, Free cold alarm for every household where a service is carried out, Free Electric oil filled heaters where required, Information bags containing details of other grants etc. and useful energy saving devices to help you keep warm and safe, Help with Shopping & Prescription collection, Benefits checks and Support to arrange medical appointments.</p> <p>South Ribble Borough Council will continue to identify and pursue external funding opportunities along with partners to enable the council to deliver measures to assist those in fuel poverty in the borough.</p>	<p>Dec 2012- March 2013</p>	

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v) NATIONAL AND LOCAL PARTNERS			
NW Carbon Action Network	The Council links into the NW CAN network to share knowledge on reducing domestic-sector carbon footprint and tackling fuel poverty across the region.	Ongoing	
Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board	The Council works with other partners to deliver the current Health and Wellbeing Strategy which identifies Affordable Warmth as one of the key interventions.	Ongoing	
Lancashire Home Energy Officers Group	As a active member of the Lancashire Home Energy Group (consists of representatives from the 12 district councils in Lancashire), Blackburn with Darwen Council, Blackpool Council, Lancashire County Council and Lancashire County Developments Ltd. The Group established in 2007 work in partnership to improve the energy efficiency of Lancashire Homes, address health inequalities exacerbated by living in cold damp homes, reduce fuel poverty, tackle seasonal excess deaths and reduce carbon emissions from the domestic sector.	Ongoing	
DECC Fuel Poverty Funding	Funding has been secured to continue to provide free cavity wall & loft insulation to Lancashire residents up until March 2013. The measures will be targeted at vulnerable groups and those on low incomes. The funding is to be used on a 75 /25 split to provide insulation measure to both householder in receipt of benefits and in fuel poverty and the able to pay sector.	Jan-March 2013	
Collective Energy Switching	We are one of the Lancashire authorities working together to develop a Collective Energy Switching Scheme which has secured funding from the DECC Cheaper Energy Together fund.	Spring 2012 & ongoing	

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	<p>South Ribble council will promote the scheme to residents both locally through press releases, website and through the councils Forward newspaper and Lancashire wide, this will be done via bus shelter adverts, bill boards, radio adverts etc.</p> <p>For resident's with no access to the internet, our Gateway team, Help Direct, Age Concern Central Lancashire will be providing face to face and telephone application assistance.</p> <p>This will take place annually to incorporate residents who may have missed out.</p>		
Lancashire Health & Wellbeing Board ~ Emerging Strategy	The Lancashire Shadow Health and Wellbeing emerging strategy identifies affordable warmth as one ten 'early-win' interventions. Actions proposed above will help to deliver all four of the strategies priority outcomes informed by intelligence from the Lancashire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, these are: mental health and wellbeing; long term conditions; improving the health and independence of older people; and maternal and child health.	Early Interventions during 2013/14 Priority outcomes: 2020	
Lancashire Climate Change Strategy	The Lancashire Climate Change Strategy sets out the long-term vision that Lancashire is "low carbon and well adapted by 2020" with a target to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by at least 34% (relative to 1990) by that time	2020	

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