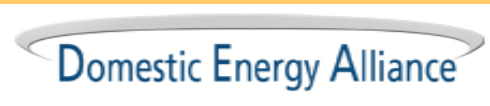


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In 2005 the EST funded an alliance of agencies to explore opportunities and obstacles in the region around the 3 key areas in the White Paper

- Energy efficiency
- Microgeneration
- Fuel poverty



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Development of the Activity Plan Stakeholders in the region consulted by -

- Workshops and conference in 2006
- Consultation with stakeholders on drafts of the Plan
- Publication in March 2007



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The Plan contains 6 themes -they consider

- the 'needs' identified by stakeholders
- the goals
- the benefits to the region if those goals were achieved
- the contribution of the Domestic Energy Alliance



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The Plan contains 6 Themes

1. Develop effective regional communication and co-ordination
2. Establish robust targeting and monitoring methodology for low carbon housing and fuel poverty
3. Access sustainable funding for low carbon housing and fuel poverty



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The Plan contains 6 Themes (cont'd)

4. Encourage the installation of microgeneration and energy efficiency technologies
5. Encourage the further development of skills and training to develop low carbon and affordably warm housing
6. Encourage the integration of low carbon housing and fuel poverty into local and regional strategy and policy framework



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Theme 3 Access sustainable funding for low carbon housing and fuel poverty eradication

Needs	Goals	Benefits to the Region	Contribution of the Domestic Energy Alliance (DEA)
3.1 Maximum use made of locally available funding	3.1.1 Inclusion of energy efficiency and affordable warmth in Local Area Agreement bids	Funding sources potentially increased	Collect LAA data, if this results in additional funding
	3.1.2 Production of a list / directory of locally available funding and timing of funding rounds	One-stop-shop directory on funding timescales	Disseminate information
	3.1.3 Inclusion of energy efficiency targets in Housing Renewal budgets	Examples of HMR policies and projects including energy efficiency	Establish the extent of energy efficiency included in HMR areas
	3.1.4 Consideration of the use of interest free loans, and equity release schemes where appropriate	Households enabled to access affordable finance	Investigate expansion of existing initiatives
	3.1.5 Identification of consumers willing to pay for sustainable energy me	Carbon reduction per household is maximised	Work with EST/SEN
3.2 Maximum use made of regionally available funding	3.2.1 Publicising and promotion of regional funding opportunities	Information on funding opportunities improved	Co-ordinate and inform stakeholders of opportunities
3.3 Maximum use made of rationally available funding	3.3.1 Reduction of duplication of approaches by utilities to local authorities and householders for EEC schemes	Duplication avoided. More efficient, increased use of EEC funding	Liaise with utilities
	3.3.2 Identification of areas of low uptake of Warm Front	Increased uptake of Warm Front grants	Liaise with Eaga
	3.3.3 Increase in applications made for grants for microgeneration	Increased take up of grants for microgeneration	Encourage the promotion of grants
3.4 Maximum use made of European funding	3.4.1 Experience of utilisation of European funding in the domestic sector is shared	Increased uptake of European funding	Identify opportunities for, and effective use of, European funding
3.5 Opportunities are taken for maximising resources by joint working	3.5.1 Utilisation of Warm Front Grants in conjunction with LA housing repairs to maximise funds available	Efficiency savings achieved from integrated schemes	Provide evidence of good practice
	3.5.2 Joint bids for funding encouraged, particularly neighbouring authorities	Opportunities for joint working increased	Signpost good practice
3.6 Lobbying is undertaken to ring-fence funding and / or make funding more long-term	3.6.1 Lobbying is undertaken to devolve EEC and Warm Front funding to regions	Clarification of situation to stakeholders	Meet relevant bodies to determine if this is possible
	3.6.2 Lobbying is undertaken to remodel EEC funding to target low SAP properties, particularly 'Hard to Treat' properties. (See Theme 6)	Clarification of situation to stakeholders	Set out case for the region for funds to deal with hard to treat properties
3.7 Benefit take up is maximised to increase incomes and 'passport' households into grant schemes	3.7.1 Organisations providing benefit checks are aware of the benefits which 'passport' customers into grants for energy efficiency, and refer on	Increased uptake of energy efficiency grants	Publicise links between benefits and grants throughout stakeholders' region

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**Not just a piece of paper...
activities to date**

- Purchase of the HEON Targeting Toolkit
- Series of workshops on microgeneration
- Development of information project including web site and sharing best practice



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Not just a piece of paper...activities to date

- Contribution to consultation on NW Climate Change Action Plan – The DEA are identified as the lead organisation in one of the priority actions in the CCAP
- The DEA is at the core of the Process Group for the development of the Sustainable Energy Network in the North West
- The DEA has a seat on the Energy Council



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Stakeholders contributions to activities in the region

"We can assist with event organising and articles for media"

"We have MAXIM and TEAM software and can offer assistance to others in using their software"

"Our research into effective referral systems will be useful to the region"



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Next stage

- The DEA is applying for funding to drive forward the agenda in 2007–8
- Specific activities from the Activity Plan have been identified for support
- Acceleration of activities by other stakeholders in the region



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