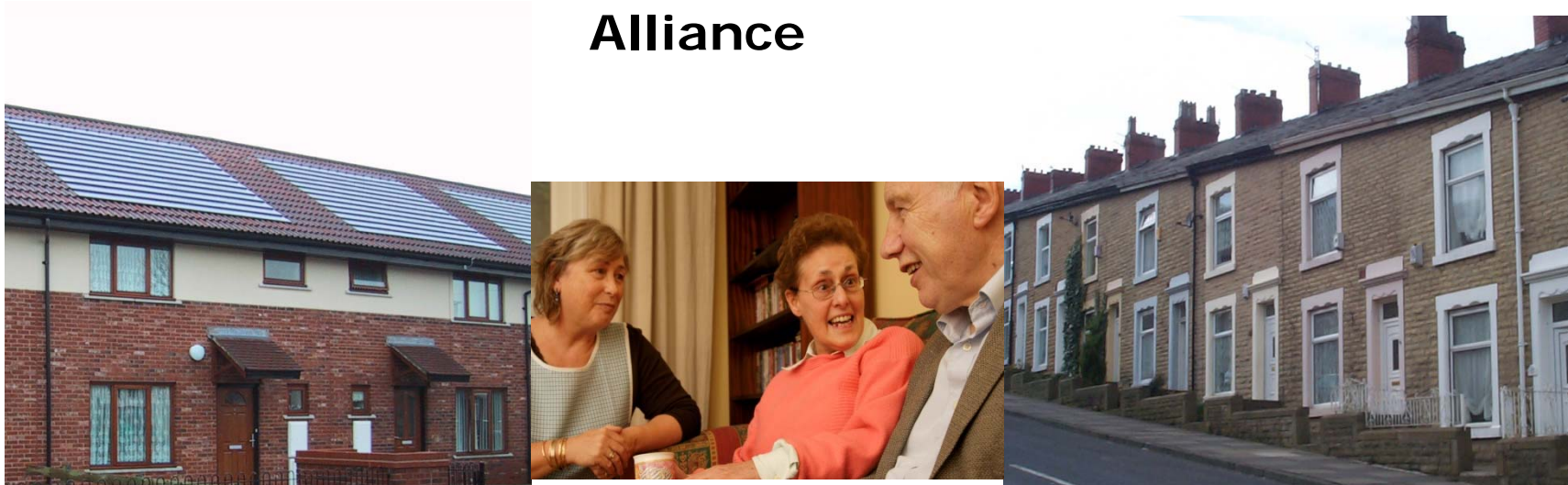


# Domestic Energy Alliance

## The 2010-2012 Plan

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Summit SKILLS

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## DEA role

*'To foster regional identity and unity in the domestic sector in the North West'*

Since the Alliance began working together, they have coordinated activities amongst the members and responded to topical issues and which have been communicated and coordinated within the region



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# Moving on...

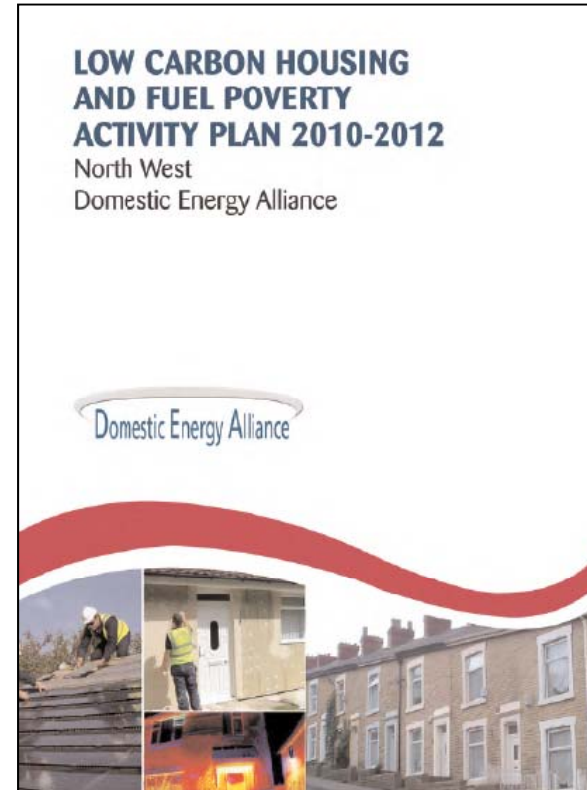
- Time to refresh the Low Carbon Housing and Fuel Poverty Activity Plan
- New national and regional policies
- Agenda moves on very quickly – new finance mechanisms, new information about global and local developments
- Sense of urgency -
  - How quickly can we utilise low carbon energy?
  - When will householders have the confidence?
  - Why are people still dying of cold?



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# DEA regional consultation

- Workshops in autumn 2009 - valuable input and debate
- Production of new Low Carbon Housing and Fuel Poverty Activity Plan



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# Theme 1: Strengthen effective regional communication and coordination

DEA is formally established in regional coordinating bodies

- Key role to maintain communication including engaging with new and emerging partners
- Ensure quick response to issues
- Promotion and publicity for best practice within the region



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## Theme 2: Develop robust targeting and monitoring methodology for low carbon housing and fuel poverty

- Baseline data available – issues about accuracy and whether up to date
- Reporting requirements for National Indicators challenging
- Access needed to energy measures data held by commercial bodies
- Synergies with targets for health, poverty need to be understood and utilised



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## Theme 3: increase availability and uptake of sustainable funding for low carbon housing and fuel poverty eradication

- Need raised awareness about breadth of funding opportunities
- Capacity issues particularly within local authorities and communities
- Build better collaboration between Housing and Climate Change staff including RSLs



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## Theme 4: Increase the uptake of microgeneration and energy efficient technologies

- Barriers still exist – customers are interested but uptake is slow
- Architects planners and developers need to be influenced further in refurbishment as well new build
- Opportunities for step change with Feed in Tariffs
- CESP, ERDF?



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## Theme 5: Encourage the further development of skills and training to deliver low carbon and affordably warm housing

- Skills needed for building service engineering, energy advisors and general awareness raising
- Recognition of requirements of Qualifications and Credit Framework introduced this year
- Opportunities for Skills Academies in the North West



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## Theme 6: Champion the integration of low carbon housing and fuel poverty into local and regional policy frameworks

- Domestic energy and fuel poverty issues have been integrated into regional policies
- Important that local stakeholders are involved in development and implementation
- Future recognition of Health, Social Care and Financial Inclusion agendas and their impact



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# Workshops today

## How to move forward on the themes we have identified

- Funding – bidding for resources
- Installation of new measures and skills
- Effective referrals and interagency working
- Microgeneration Connections and the Feed In tariff
- Delivery of the Activity Plan - your contributions



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# Key Actions

- From conference maintain coordination, communication
- Analyse sheets target future seminars workshops and visits
- Maintain links with utilities
- Support CAN
- Share funding knowledge across the region
- Engage with housing developers
- Develop links with HCA
- Utilise partners – good practice, new developments
- All presentations on website
- Monitor activities related to Activity Plan commitments



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**Thank you  
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