

HOME ENERGY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY



Campaigning for Warm Homes

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Campaigning for Warm Homes

- National fuel poverty charity
- Develop practical initiatives to combat fuel poverty
- Campaign on fuel poverty and domestic energy efficiency issues
- Provide a range of other services: information, technical advice, research, training, project and policy development and consultancy

Home Energy Management Strategy



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Warm Homes, Greener Homes published 2 March 2010



sets out Government plans to meet the target of a reduction of 29% in carbon emissions from the household sector.

Warm Homes, Greener Homes



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- Two key targets
 1. Complete the insulation of all loft and cavity walls by 2015, where practical
 2. Up to 7 million homes to receive eco-upgrades by 2020

- Four main elements to the strategy
 1. New energy company obligation with an enhanced role for local authorities
 2. Investing to save
 3. Universal standards for the rented sector
 4. Support for consumers

Elements In More Detail



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- 1) New obligation on energy companies running from 2013 to 2020
 - Energy companies required to consult with local authorities to deliver local programmes
 - Helping vulnerable and low income households
 - Greater transparency: what is spent, on what and in which parts of the country
- 2) Green finance – “Pay As You Save” (PAYS):
 - PAYS model explored further 2012-2015
 - Learning from 5 PAYS pilots
 - Legislate: loans tied to homes not owners
 - Intend to consult on national PAYS legislation

Elements In More Detail



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- 3) Greater certainty for tenants in the rented sector
 - Social Housing: New Warm Homes standard
 - Private rented: Improved marketing and PAYS finance to circumvent split incentive problem
 - Consultation on how to formulate regulation in rental sector (earliest 2015)

- 4) Advice and Quality standards
 - Free advice over telephone and internet, with more tailored packages available
 - Standards for advisers and installers
 - Quality mark

NEA Response



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NEA's Chief Executive responded;

"..... Throughout the document we see that the Government intentions are clear for a scaled up delivery of energy efficiency to homes, with a particular focus on action through local authorities. NEA welcomes this, and the assistance it should provide for vulnerable households....."

".... We will expect the Government to continue to map progress in delivering its fuel poverty strategy to meet the eradication date of 2016 through this strategy and local authority reporting mechanisms. We await the Government to provide more detail on how this strategy will contribute to the eradication of fuel poverty."

What about Fuel Poverty?



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- The strategy states that
 - Priority will be given to those on lower incomes and the most vulnerable with energy companies required to provide help to these groups.
 - There will be a central role for local authorities and community partnerships (for example) with third sector organisations.
- From 2012 there will be a requirement on energy companies to consult with local authorities to deliver local area-based programmes; and support for district heating.

Opportunities Social Housing



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- New Warm Homes Standard
 - detailed standard to be developed “working with others” during this year.
 - likely to include improvements to the building fabric (including standard insulation measures and harder fabric measures where they make sense).
 - likely to incorporate heating systems, particularly connection to low carbon district heating or renewable heat.
 - will help to raise the energy efficiency of social housing from around SAP 59 to at least 70.

Opportunities Private Rented Sector



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- Proposals for regulation of the [private] rented sector so that the installation of loft and cavity wall insulation where feasible would be a condition of renting out a property from a date in the future, at the earliest 2015.
- Development of a Pay As You Save approach that works for rented property.

Opportunities Advice Provision



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- Plans for a new, free and universally available advice service to help people understand the potential impact of measures and compare different offers.
 - through national delivery of a web and telephone-based advice service.
 - Supported by providing access to more tailored advice.
 - Incorporating a new certification system that will include standards both for people who provide advice about what measures are suitable for a home and for installers themselves.

Opportunities Energy Companies



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- The new proposed Energy Company obligation will be more specific about target groups, including vulnerable households on low incomes, to whom it is expected that Energy Companies will provide particular support.
- It is estimated that as a result of this, over 3m vulnerable households could receive fully subsidised installations of both standard insulation measures and also eco-upgrades.
- The new obligation will be specifically targeted at measures to improve the energy performance of social housing and providing subsidised measures for more of the most vulnerable and lower income households living in private sector housing.

In Summary



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- *Warmer Homes, Greener Homes* is a carbon emissions reduction strategy.
- Still some opportunities ahead to influence the inclusion / strengthening of fuel poverty alleviation measures in subsequent policy development and operational roll-out.
- With their 'central role' in projects delivered through this strategy, local authorities should be well placed to consider incorporating fuel poverty alleviation into their plans.

Glossary



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CERT	Carbon Emissions Reduction Target
CESP	Community Energy Saving Programme
HEM	Home Energy Management Strategy <i>Warmer Homes, Greener Homes - Mar 2010</i>
SAP	Standard Assessment Procedure (scale of 1=worst to 100=best)
PAYS	Pay As You Save
PAYS pilots	Pay As You Save Pilot Schemes (x5) Birmingham CC, British Gas (in Sussex and Surrey), B&Q UK (with Sutton Council), Gentoo (in Sunderland) and Stroud DC
Eco-upgrade	Goes beyond standard insulation measures to include solid wall insulation and/or micro-renewable energy generation