

# North West Domestic Energy Alliance



## LOW CARBON HOUSING AND FUEL POVERTY ACTIVITY PLAN

*Progress on Activities – last update 30.06.09*

*(Actions within last 6 months in green type)*

This document details the progress on activities identified by stakeholders in the region in 2006. The following charts are those included in the Low Carbon Housing and Fuel Poverty Activity Plan. For details of the Plan and the work plan for 2008 -10 funded by the NWDA see [www.nwdea.org.uk](http://www.nwdea.org.uk)



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## Summary of themes and identified needs by regional stakeholders at workshops and conference in 2006

Theme	Needs
<b>1. Develop effective regional communication and co-ordination</b>	1.1 Consistent messages to stakeholders are communicated in the region 1.2 Consistent and accurate information and advice is promoted and available to householders in the region 1.3 Good practice within the region is shared 1.4 Multi agency work is co-ordinated 1.5 Opportunities are taken for maximising resources by joint working
<b>2. Establish robust targeting and monitoring methodology for low carbon housing and fuel poverty</b>	2.1 Monitoring and reporting methods for domestic energy efficiency and CO <sub>2</sub> are agreed and utilised 2.2 Baseline mapping and indicators for fuel poverty are identified 2.3 Targeting tools / schemes are utilised 2.4 Opportunities are taken for maximising resources by joint working
<b>3. Access sustainable funding for low carbon housing and fuel poverty eradication</b>	3.1 Maximum use made of locally available funding 3.2 Maximum use made of regionally available funding 3.3 Maximum use made of nationally available funding 3.4 Maximum use made of European funding 3.5 Opportunities are taken for maximising resources by joint working 3.6 Lobbying is undertaken to ring fence funding and / or make funding more long term 3.7 Benefit take up is maximised to increase incomes and 'passport' low income households into grant schemes
<b>4. Encourage the installation of microgeneration and energy efficient technologies</b>	4.1 Planners, architects and developers are informed and supportive of low carbon housing 4.2 Microgeneration technologies are understood by, accessible and affordable to the public 4.3 Opportunities are taken for maximising resources by joint working 4.4 Lobbying for higher energy efficiency standards on domestic appliances
<b>5. Encourage the further development of skills and training to deliver low carbon and affordably warm housing</b>	5.1 Skills and training gaps in the supply chain for low carbon housing are identified 5.2 A trained workforce is established to deliver the technology for low carbon housing 5.3 All stakeholders understand the need, and implementation methods, for low carbon and affordably warm housing 5.4 Opportunities are taken for maximising resources by joint working
<b>6. Encourage the integration of low carbon housing and fuel poverty into local and regional policy frameworks</b>	6.1 The domestic agenda is fully integrated into the North West Climate Change Action Plan 6.2 All local authorities and partners have low carbon housing and affordable warmth strategies and ensure that the issues are integrated into local strategic processes

**Theme 1 Develop effective regional communication and co-ordination**

Goals	Contribution of the DEA	Progress - Dates and comments	DEA lead	Funding
<b>Need 1.1 Consistent messages to stakeholders are communicated in the region</b>				
1.1.1 Clear communication within and between agencies, highlighting the importance of climate change and fuel poverty, and the actions needed to combat them	Organise events, provide links, articles and newsletters	3 <sup>rd</sup> DEA Conference held on March 10 <sup>th</sup> 09	All	From 2008 NWDA
1.1.2 Clarification of the role of regional agencies to other stakeholders	Identify and clarify role of regional agencies	Info on DEA website	PO	
1.1.3 Engagement of the health sector at all levels to be aware of the dangers of cold homes, and their role in the solutions	Hold senior meetings	Meetings held, and subregional workshops, seminars attended	JG, PS	NEA
<p><b>Comments on 1.1</b> The DEA members meet on a regular basis so communication is maintained on all aspects of energy and housing in the region. The DEA annual conference is held in March each year. There is a DEA rep on Climate Change Partnership, and on the Energy Council. Information about the roles of regional agencies has been described at various meetings and conferences and is maintained and updated on the DEA website. Integration of domestic energy efficiency to combat ill health has been discussed at a regional level and will most effectively be implemented at a subregional level. Specifically senior meetings were held regarding health and fuel poverty in Cumbria, Lancs and Greater Manchester throughout 08. These meetings have continued in Q1 2009, including attendance at subregional workshops in Cumbria and Lancs and NEA seminar in Liverpool in June 09. The DEA conference was held in March 09 attended by 93 delegates. Concentrating on achievements to date on the activity plan and emerging themes the conference feedback is on the website and follow up workshops planned for Sept / Oct 2009</p>				
<b>Need 1.2 Consistent and accurate information and advice is promoted and available to householders in the region</b>				
1.2.1 Engagement of stakeholders in the consultation and development of a Sustainable Energy Network in the region	Facilitate process group	Development complete	All	
1.2.2 Collaboration between national and regional agencies - Energy Saving Trust Advice Centres (ESTacs); EST; local projects on marketing and	Provide information on national agencies; encourage partnership	Cooperation between ESTacs and partners is ongoing	TB/ CM	EST

promotion of energy efficiency to the public to ensure a common message	working on common themes			
1.2.3 Provision of reliable and clear information about all aspects of domestic microgeneration as a matter of urgency	Gather good practice data and disseminate to stakeholders	Workshops held, Information on website, links to EST and other sites		EST
1.2.4 Provision of reliable and clear information about efficiency and running costs of domestic appliances and products	Gather data and make available	EEPH training courses for advisors advertised on website		
1.2.5 Consultation with Energy Efficiency Partnership for Homes (EEPfH), on engagement of sectors not mainstreaming in energy efficiency	Liaise with EEPfH	Contacts made with EEPH, links to latest news posted on website	JG	

**Comments on 1.2** The role of the DEA to facilitate the rollout of the Sustainable Energy Network – (now called the ESTacs) was completed in the North West in Oct 07. Three EST Advice Centres (ESTacs) are established in the North West. The DEA continue to act as key partners to the work of the ESTacs. Following the series of NW workshops in 2007, data on microgeneration including links is available on the DEA website and is now part of the remit of the ESTacs. The DEA will keep under review the need to expand this data sharing to other partners. Liaison is maintained via the EEPH on aspects of market transformation for products, energy advice and housing, and latest appropriate news posted on website for readers not members of EEPH.

### Need 1.3 Good practice within the region is shared

1.3.1 Investigation and utilisation of appropriate websites to disseminate and discuss good practice	Research websites and publicise to stakeholders	Links on DEA website – includes signposting	JG	
1.3.2 Promotion of existing Best Practice	Research existing guides and signpost	Links on DEA website – includes signposting	PO	
1.3.3 Production of Best Practice guides on low carbon housing and fuel poverty for the region including those on acquiring funding and influencing change	Identify gaps, seek funding, develop and promote new guides	Factsheets are planned for 2008 -9	All	NWDA
1.3.4 Utilisation of existing meetings and fora for information sharing	Hold Carbon Action Network (CAN) and NEA fora and identify other meetings in the region for sharing information	Ongoing meetings and special meetings held with utilities	JG /BS / DC	NEA UK HECA GONW NWDA

1.3.5 Showcase and demonstration projects are visited	Identify showcase visits and demo projects	Visits planned for 2009-10 – see website	BS
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**Comments on 1.3** Members of the DEA share good practice amongst themselves and therefore their constituencies. An advice note was prepared for housing and planning professionals on Sustainable Housing in 2007, and for 2008 -9 the DEA will produce factsheets on issues which require explanation. The NEA forum and HEON (From Sept 08 known as CAN, the NW Carbon Action Network) are held 3- 4 times a year and are an opportunity for stakeholders to request and contribute to Good Practice. Demonstration projects and visits to manufacturers are ongoing, including a visit to the Manchester eco-house (Feb 08), a visit to Vailant, and a visit to REHAU in Sept 08. See [www.nwdea.org.uk](http://www.nwdea.org.uk). The NEA forum, CAN meetings and specially convened GONW meeting have been utilised to debate and plan for LAA NI 187 across the LAs in the Region, and also discuss and encourage consultation responses on the forthcoming Community Energy Saving Programme (CESP)

**Stakeholder involvement:** *Stakeholders throughout the region are asked to contribute in both submitting examples of good practice and requests for information in areas where there are gaps.*

#### Need 1.4 Multi-agency work is coordinated

1.4.1 Encouragement of local authorities and partners to establish effective referral systems between agencies at local level	Identify and promote effective local referral systems	Case studies on website under 'Partnerships'	JG	NWDA
1.4.2 Effective referral systems between agencies at a regional and sub-regional level are established	Identify and promote regional and sub-regional referral systems	Joint working at sub regional level in Lancs, Cumbria Merseyside & Cheshire	JG PO	NEA
1.4.3 Co-ordination or streamlining of Warm Front and Energy Efficiency Commitment (EEC) funds at all levels (marketing, delivery etc)	Meet and discuss with Eaga and energy suppliers	Meeting held – discussions for clarification to stakeholders is ongoing	JG	

**Comments on 1.4** There are a number of effective referral systems within the North West predominantly to refer vulnerable households into advice and grant schemes. Where these can be replicated they are showcased at events and placed on the DEA website. There is increasing interest from the health sector to be involved in referral systems. *Examples of referral structures will be on the website in Q2 09-10*

**Stakeholder involvement:** *Stakeholders throughout the region are asked to contribute examples of good practice and request guidance.*

#### Need 1.5 Opportunities are taken for maximising resources by joint working

1.5.1 Development of working partnerships or consortia in areas / topics where economies of scale would encourage action. Eg training / awareness raising, purchase of microgeneration technologies.	Bid for resources for training	Advice centres worked with local authorities to send out joint mailings for NI 187 survey, for baseline and target setting.	TB, DC, CM, RB	AG, BS	CLASP
		Workshop on loan schemes for energy efficiency held with CLASP (Climate Change Local Area Support Programme)			

**Comments on 1.5** . No specific action in terms of bidding for resources, but the joint working on the surveys required for NI187, has benefitted local authorities in terms of joint working. The local authorities achieved the required information for baseline and target setting for NI 187 and the surveys contributed to the targets for customer contact and subsequent follow up and installation of measures for the ESTacs.

## Theme 2. Establish robust targeting and monitoring methodology for low carbon housing and fuel poverty

Goals	Contribution of the DEA	Progress Dates and comments	DEA lead	Funding
<b>Need 2.1 Monitoring and reporting methods for domestic energy efficiency and CO<sub>2</sub> are agreed and utilised</b>				
2.1.1 Monitoring tools, methodology and reporting format for HECA reporting reviewed and agreed	Discuss monitoring needs with stakeholders – suggest way forward	Common reporting for HECA established in 2007	BS	
2.1.2 Utilisation of heating and insulation data collection by various professions (surveyors, health sector staff, etc) to inform housing authorities' databases	Collect and disseminate information on effective data collection methods	HEED (Home Energy Efficiency Database) publicised	BS/CM	NWRA / NWDA
<b>Comments on 2.1</b> In June 2007 a common reporting framework was established for HECA reporting. Many of the NW housing authorities adopted the method.				
<b>Need 2.2 Baseline mapping and indicators for fuel poverty are identified</b>				
2.2.1 The most appropriate mapping and indicators for fuel poverty reviewed and agreed (CSE fuel poverty indicator, SAP 65 etc)	Meet with relevant stakeholders	Common methodology for data collection for LAA NI 187 established June 08	DC	
2.2.2 Baseline fuel poverty figures for the region / local authority made available	Identify and publicise figures	Production of update of North West Fuel Poverty Briefing Feb 09 see <a href="http://www.nea.org.uk">www.nea.org.uk</a>	JG	NEA
<b>Comments on 2.2</b> The Local Area Agreement National Indicator 187 was developed by DEFRA in 2007-2008. The indicator is based on the numbers of households on benefit living in dwellings of a designated SAP. Local authorities in the NW attended specific workshops convened by GONW and CAN during consultation period, and also for development of the methods for data collection.				
<b>Need 2.3 Targeting tools / schemes are utilised</b>				

2.3.1 Purchasing of HEON Targeting Toolkit by the region, if appropriate, for targeting various domestic customer groups	Seek funding	Toolkit acquired and training courses completed in 2007	PO	EST
2.3.2 Area approach investigated (e.g. Warm Zones)	Investigate opportunities and costs	4 CEEF (Community Energy Efficiency Fund) applications successful in NW in 2007. DEA have incorporated Community Energy Savings Programme (CESP) into CAN and Fuel Poverty Forums	JG / RB	DEFRA EON, DECC, Scottish Power

**Comments on 2.3** The Community Energy Savings Programme was announced by Government in September 08 and a consultation document should be available in Jan 09. There are planned to be around 100 projects in fuel poor / deprived areas, involving 90,000 homes over 3 years, using an area based approach. The focus of DEA involvement is to encourage projects in the North West. Sessions to inform stakeholders were held at the NEA forum on March 4<sup>th</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup> and the CAN meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup>

**Need 2.4 Opportunities are taken for maximising resources by joint working**

2.4.1 Resources pooled in the region to help establish a common baseline and reporting method	Promote pooling of resources	Occurring at sub-regional level (Data collection for NI 187)		
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**Comments on 2.4** The joint meetings held to discuss methodology for the collection of data for NI187 demonstrates effective joint working.(see 2.2) In particular, the large mailout of the questionnaire survey developed by the ESTacs to conduct the initial survey also provided responses from all demographic groups who were then offered advice by the ESTacs.

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

Goals	Contribution of the DEA	Progress dates and comments	DEA lead	Funding
<b>Need 3.1 Maximum use made of locally available funding</b>				
3.1.1 Inclusion of energy efficiency and affordable warmth in Local Area Agreement bids	Collect LAA data, if this results in additional funding	Content of round 4 LAAs completed	PS/DC/JG/ DC	NEA/CAN
3.1.2 Production of a list / directory of locally available funding and timing of funding rounds	Disseminate information	Funding presentation at NEA Fuel Poverty Forum Nov 07– onto DEA website Foundations Funding promoted at NEA Forum June 09	JG	NEA
3.1.3 Inclusion of energy efficiency targets in Housing Renewal budgets	Establish the extent of energy efficiency included in HMR areas	LA area status report ongoing – end March 09	JG	NWDA
3.1.4 Consideration of the use of interest free loans	Investigate expansion of existing initiatives	DEA and CLASP workshop on loan schemes held in Nov 08 attended by 25 local authorities and other stakeholders. Report is available on <a href="http://www.nwdea.org.uk">www.nwdea.org.uk</a>	AG / BS	CLASP
<b>Comments on 3.1</b> DEA members have coordinated information and held events on all aspects of planning for the inclusion of NI 186 and NI187 as priorities in Local Area Agreements. (See 2.2 an 2.4)				
<b>Need 3.2 Maximum use made of regionally available funding</b>				
3.2.1 Publicising and promotion of regional funding opportunities	Co-ordinate and inform stakeholders of opportunities	List of funding opportunities on DEA website	JG	NWDA
<b>Comments on 3.2</b> Funding presentation at NEA Fuel Poverty Forum Nov 07– onto DEA website. DEA members will continue to publicise various relevant funding opportunities to stakeholders in the region.				

3.3.1 Reduction of duplication of approaches by utilities to local authorities and householders for EEC (CERT) schemes	Liaise with utilities	Fuel utilities presented at CAN meeting in December – schemes and ‘social offerings’– see <a href="http://www.nwdea.org.uk">www.nwdea.org.uk</a> . Utilities Forum to be established and held in y 2009	BS	NWDA
3.3.2 Identification of areas of low uptake of Warm Front	Liaise with Eaga	Meeting with eaga held to agree ways to improve takeup Oct 07	JG	NEA
3.3.3 Increase in applications made for grants for microgeneration	Encourage the promotion of grants	DEA to promote : Use of Warm Front for Solar Thermal / ASHP and potential within CESP for renewables ,	DB	NWDA

**Comments on 3.3.** The number of insulation schemes run by utilities, Warm Front and local authorities continues to cause some public confusion. DEA has established a utilities forum and following the presentations at the CAN meeting should clarify the CERT schemes and the other ‘Social Offerings ‘ provided by utilities. The establishment of the ESTacs in the regions should provide better coordination of schemes

#### Need 3.4 Maximum use made of European funding

3.4.1 Experience of utilisation of European funding in the domestic sector is shared	Identify opportunities for, and effective use of, European funding	Various events attended but no specific new bids submitted DEA to promote (positive) conclusions of NWDA on use of European Regional Development Funds (ERDF) for renewable energy or energy efficiency	All	Various match funding
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**Comments on 3.4** DEA members have attended an Energy Advice in Europe conference in 11.07, Low carbon housing visit to Northern Europe (08), acquired information on the ‘Mayors Covenant’. [The potential for the use of the European Regional Development Funds \(ERDF\) is being considered](#)  
**Stakeholder involvement: Stakeholders are requested to share information on successful use of European funding**

#### Need 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	Provide evidence of good practice	Local authority area status research will research good practice 09. 07 – 03 09	JG	NWDA
3.5.2 Joint bids for funding encouraged, particularly neighbouring authorities	Signpost good practice	As above	JG	NWDA

**Comments on 3.5** There are examples around the region of projects which incorporate private sector housing policy and energy efficiency schemes, and also examples of effective joint working. The Local Authority Area Status Research which began on Sept 07 identifies examples of good practice which will be posted on the website. An example is Lancashire County Councils and the district councils in Lancashire who work together as a LAA Housing Energy sub group)

**Need 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	Meet relevant bodies to determine if this is possible	Meetings have been held with utilities and Defra.		
3.6.2 Lobbying is undertaken to remodel EEC funding to target low SAP properties, particularly 'Hard to Treat' properties (See Theme 6)	Set out case for the region for funds to deal with hard to treat properties	DEA has encouraged stakeholders in the region to respond to consultation on the Community Energy Saving Programme to provide solutions to Hard to treat properties and submit projects for the NW.	All	NWDA

**Comments on 3.6** It is unlikely that CERT and Warm Front funding will be devolved to the Region. However the consultation on the Community Energy Saving Programme (CESP) provides the opportunity for stakeholders in the region to lobby for solutions to hard to treat properties that go beyond existing grant schemes.

**Stakeholder involvement:** *Stakeholders are urged to be ready to take full advantage of CESP, and lobby for more holistic solutions to be included in CERT.*

**Need 3.7 Benefit take up is maximised to increase incomes and 'passport' low income 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	Publicise links between benefits and grants throughout stakeholders' region	Proposal for agencies and capacity to be investigated in 2009 -10		
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**Comments on 3.7** The increase in fuel prices up to date (Dec 08) has left many more households in the North West in fuel poverty (over 640,000: Source NEA) There is an increasing call for fuel debt / benefits advice which the DEA will propose to look into in 2009 to clarify the types of advice provided by agencies and their capacity.

## Theme 4 Encourage the installation of microgeneration and energy efficient technologies

Goals	Contribution of the DEA	Progress dates and comments	DEA lead	Funding
<b>Need 4.1 Planners, architects and developers are informed and supportive of low carbon housing</b>				
4.1.1 Identification and organisation of suitable agencies to run awareness-raising and training sessions in the region for planners, architects and developers on all aspects of microgeneration	Identify agencies and assist in organisation of training	Workshops held throughout region Sept 07 Sustainable Housing event 01.08	PO JG	EST NWRA
4.1.2 Utilisation of the database the 'Carbon Connection' to identify and exchange information about showcase projects	Publicise Carbon Connection to region	<b>Carbon Connection website no longer in use ?</b>		
<b>Comments on 4.1</b> In response to urgent requests for information on 2006 -7, a series of microgeneration workshops was run throughout the region , and a joint event held with the North West Regional Housing Board in Jan 08. See <a href="http://www.nwdea.org.uk">www.nwdea.org.uk</a> for details				
<b>Need 4.2 Microgeneration technologies are understood by, accessible and affordable to the public</b>				
4.2.1 Provision of reliable and clear information about all aspects of domestic microgeneration as a matter of urgency (repeated from Theme 1)	Discuss most appropriate way to disseminate information	Info on <a href="http://www.nwdea.org.uk">www.nwdea.org.uk</a> – also signposting (presentations from workshops on website) Workshops website and microgen directory	PO	EST
4.2.2 Promotion of the availability of financial support for microgeneration, and support for householders to apply, source and install the products	Promote availability of financial support and suppliers	ESTACS provide advice to the public on microgeneration from mid 2008 in the North West	ESTACS	EST
4.2.3 Consideration by local authorities of financial incentives for households who apply for grants for microgeneration	Make local authorities aware of existing schemes in region	<b>Local Authority Area Status research (08 -09) has identified LAs who provide additional funding</b>	JG	NWDA
<b>Comments on 4.2</b> The microgeneration workshops held in 2007 provided a basis for information to professionals and from mid 2008 the new ESTacs have a remit to provide advice to householders on microgeneration.				
<b>Stakeholder involvement: Stakeholders are requested to share information about successful local microgeneration schemes/ installations.</b>				

**Need 4.3. Opportunities are taken for maximising resources by joint working**

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4.3.1 Development of joint funding bids	Discuss with CAN and other bodies
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Comments on 4.3

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**Need 4.4 Lobbying for higher energy efficiency standards on domestic appliances**

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4.4.1 Lobbying is undertaken for better energy labelling on domestic appliances or for a levy for high energy use appliances (possibly through Energy Efficiency Partnership for Homes)	Set out region's concerns using information provided by stakeholders	DEA members are members of the Energy Efficiency Partnership for Homes and lobby within that group Promote EEEPH free training for Energy Advisors on new products see <a href="http://www.nwdea.org.uk">www.nwdea.org.uk</a>	JG PO	EEPH
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**Comments on 4.4 *The improvement in the efficiency of domestic appliances is occurring at a national level. The DEA's role is to promote new developments to stakeholders and promote training.***

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

Goals	Contribution of the DEA	Progress dates and comments	DEA lead	Funding
<b>Need 5.1 Skills and training gaps in the supply chain for low carbon housing are identified</b>				
5.1.1 Review undertaken of training and skills including the work of Summit Skills on “Horizon” the Sector Skills Agreement for the Building Services Engineering Sector	Maintain contact with Sector Skills and regional agencies	Member of Summit Skills is now a member of the DEA (May 09)		
5.1.2 Familiarisation of stakeholders with the NW review and other work in UK, e.g. Skills and training review in London, and Energy Efficiency Partnership for Homes	Relevant skills and training info posted on DEA website and pro-actively promoted	Info on skills included in the NWRA Housing Advice note 01.08	JG	NWRA
Comments on 5.1 The new member of the DEA from Summit skills will ensure that training and skills needs are maintained on the agenda				
<b>Need 5.2 A trained workforce is established to deliver the technology for low carbon housing</b>				
5.2.1 Promotion and consultation on the development of new courses and modules based on the findings of the review in 5.1	Inform stakeholders of available training			
5.2.2 Local colleges establish links with SummitSkills regarding their work on developing the Sector	Assist in information dissemination	Session on skills including Sector Skills planned for the DEA conference in March 09	PO	
Comments on 5.2				
<b>Need 5.3 All stakeholders understand the need, and implementation methods, for low carbon and affordably warm housing</b>				
5.3.1 Energy awareness training undertaken for increased numbers of staff both in related professions and ancillary organisations e.g. health and social services sectors	Seek finance for training and recruit trainees	NEA projects have trained ‘health trainers’ and also provided briefings to Lancs and Cumbria	JG	NEA

5.3.2 Specific training delivered to more staff to enable them to deliver the Energy Performance Certificates and identify dwellings with low SAP ratings	Liaise with training providers and potential trainees	Undertaken by existing training providers for domestic Energy Assessors in North West	External	Private – fees paid by trainees
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Comments on 5.3

**Need 5.4 Opportunities are taken for maximising resources by joint working**

5.4.1 Survey is undertaken to determine the demand for training identified in Sections 5.3.1 and 5.3.2	Undertake survey
5.4.2 Negotiation of bulk purchase of training	Negotiate bulk purchase of training

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

Goals	Contribution of the DEA	Progress dates and comments	DEA lead	Funding
<b>Need 6.1 The domestic agenda is fully integrated into the North West Climate Change Action Plan</b>				
6.1.1 Integration of the domestic agenda into the North West Climate Change Action Plan	Submit response to the CCAP and be recognised as lead agency in the North West	DEA is lead on Action 7 in CCAP DEA workplan 2008 -10 agreed by NWDA See <a href="http://www.nwdea.org.uk">www.nwdea.org.uk</a>	BS All	NWDA NWDA
<p><b>Comments on 6.1</b> Since this activity plan was published the DEA successfully became the lead agency to deliver Action 7.2 in the NW Climate Change Action Plan and also became the process group to establish the ESTACS which are now fully operational.</p> <p>The remit of the DEA in ‘Bringing together North West stakeholders to reduce domestic carbon emissions and eradicate fuel poverty’, means that the DEA must also ensure the inclusion of energy related statements in other regional strategies. NEA has produced a Regional Policy Matrix which identifies all appropriate regional strategies, and the timing of reviews etc, making it easier for the DEA to provide an input.</p> <p><b>Stakeholder involvement:</b> <i>Stakeholders are encouraged to become acquainted with, and respond to appropriate consultation on regional strategies.</i></p>				
<b>Need 6.2 All local authorities and partners have low carbon housing and affordable warmth strategies and ensure that the issues are integrated into local strategic processes</b>				
6.2.1 Local authorities surveyed to determine any gaps in local policy and strategy development	Undertake survey	Local Authority Area Status Report to be completed by March 09	JG /PO /BS	NWDA
6.2.2 LAs encouraged to incorporate low carbon housing and Affordable Warmth into Housing Strategy and Private Sector Housing Renewal Policies	Promote good practice	Info prepared for DEA website	JG	NWDA
6.2.3 LAs encouraged to incorporate fuel poverty indicators into Local Area Agreements	Distribute good practice information and encourage debate on best indicators	LAAs indicators NI 186 and 187 agreed for a number of NW LAAs	PS,DC,J G	NWDA
<p><b>Comments on 6.2</b> <i>The Local Authority Area Status Report is ongoing and identifies all the strategies published by local authorities, including Affordable Warmth, Renewable Energy, Climate Change etc.</i></p>				