

**HOME ENERGY CONSERVATION ACT 1995
ELEVENTH PROGRESS REPORT (2006)
FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2006 TO 31 MARCH 2007**



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1. Have there been any changes to the following elements of your authority’s Home Energy Conservation Act (HECA) strategy in the period covered by this report?

Please summarise elements of the energy conservation report prepared in 1996 (your “HECA strategy”) in the first column of the table below, taking account of any amendments made to the strategy up to and including 31 March 2005. Changes made prior to this date will already have been recorded by Defra from information you have provided. However, if any changes have been made

between 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007, please tick the relevant “Yes, changes” box (es) and enter the new figure(s) in the final column. If there have been no changes, please tick the “No change” boxes. Refinements to strategies may be necessary from time to time, but fundamental changes to the original strategy are not anticipated. Please explain any changes.

	HECA strategy up to 31 March '05	No change since 1 April '05	Yes, changes since 1 April '05	New figures following changes since 1 April '05
a) Overall energy efficiency improvement identified	29.8%	√		per cent
b) Number of years to implement the measures identified	15 years	√		Years
c) Total cost of implementation of all measures	£133,653,000	√		£ Millions
d) CO ₂ reduction per annum as a result of all the measures identified	230,242 tonnes	√		Tonnes per annum
e) Indicate the 1 April 1996 baseline energy use (in GJ) against which energy efficiency improvements are being measured	11,740,190 GJ	√		GJ

Reasons for any changes identified above:	N/A
It would be helpful if you could provide details of how development of your strategy has been taken forward.	The Brighton & Hove 1996 HECA Strategy has been developed through the publication of a Home Energy Efficiency Strategy for Brighton & Hove in 2001 and in 2002 the "Affordable Warmth" Fuel Poverty Strategy for Brighton & Hove. Brighton & Hove City Council appointed CLIMATE Energy as its managing partner in 2004 for a contracted period of three years to assist with the continuing implementation of the strategies two action plans. In the three years since this appointment the partnership has worked very successfully and enabled the council to take its 1996 HECA Strategy further forward. The contact was due to be re-tendered in late 2006 and a new contract issued in the spring of 2007. Due to commitments involving the partnership an extension to the contract was successfully applied for and a new contract will now be issued in the spring of 2008. Two key developments for 2006/7 which will progress the aims of the strategy further will be the launch of the council's new renewable energy grant scheme and the development of a pro-active fuel poverty initiative. Both items are described elsewhere in this report.

2. Are you monitoring changes in the energy efficiency of the housing stock in your area, in order to be able to report progress as required by HECA? YES NO

If you answered "Yes", please describe briefly:

- (a) the methodology used to monitor progress, listing the main data sources
- (b) how you are monitoring the success of activities designed to promote energy efficiency

If you answered "No", please give reasons.

Methodology used to monitor progress and success of information, advice, education and promotion activities

a) Council Housing

Energy database & management:

Current monitoring is carried out using a survey of 15% of council owned stock which is updated using the BRE approved energy rating software, ProBase.

By continuing to use and update the ProBase Database Management System, Brighton and Hove City Council are able to look at the effectiveness of various improvement options and aid in the planning of maintenance programmes by applying measures where they are most needed and prove most cost effective.

The main sources which are being used to update the database include:

- a) Planned Maintenance Programmes, which currently includes the installation of energy efficient (condensing boilers and TRVs) gas central heating systems, upgrading of loft insulation, cavity and external wall insulation, double glazing etc. These are being packaged together where possible to produce combined measures for achieving the desired targets.
- b) Information recorded during scheduled servicing is being used to identify data relating to space and water heating systems, controls, fuel and levels of insulation. In addition, further energy surveys are being undertaken via approved consultants where major works are undertaken. This will improve the accuracy of the database.
- c) Consultation with tenants/leaseholders is actively carried out both prior and during works. Monitoring of the quality of all aspects of the work is undertaken and the advice given (e.g. on using new heating controls) checked for accuracy.
- d) Information received from planned maintenance works. Specification of works include the need for contractors to submit supplementary information on insulation measures, such as heating contractors identifying the level of loft insulation when working on water storage tank.

Questionnaires sent out in response to tenant requests for improvements include tick boxes relating to current levels of energy efficient measures.

b) Private Sector Housing & Housing Association Stock

Data on the energy efficiency of domestic properties is continuing to be collected from a variety of sources including the house renovation grant programme, CLIMATE Energy (Brighton & Hove City Councils' Managing Partner) has been used as a data source to assist in determining the improvement in energy efficiency in all housing sectors during 2006 – 2007.

3. It is helpful for Defra to be able to judge the extent to which the HECAMON software (Version 3, issued by Defra in April 1999 and updated in April 2001) is used each year. Therefore, please would you indicate whether or not you used the software when collecting and collating the data to enable you to complete this form?

Postal Telephone Both HECAMON not used

4. Please briefly describe in part a) all activities that are specifically designed to assist in the development and achievement of your HECA strategy. For both parts a) and b) it would be helpful if you could include details of how these activities address the following points:

- Obtaining corporate commitment / Integration of strategy with other council policies
- Any barriers and how these have been addressed
- Information, advice, education and promotion activities / Making grants and loans
- What linkages you have with energy efficiency schemes such as Energy
- Efficiency Commitment and Warm Front
- New and innovative approaches

In part b) describe new activities you expect to **commence in the 2007/08 financial year.**

a) activities in 2006/07 financial year			
Activity	Who is involved?	Partners' contribution (£) in 2006/07	Will this continue into 2007/08?
<u>1.Council Housing</u>			
<u>Gas Central Heating (Priority) Programme</u> The councils' comprehensive programme for prioritising gas central heating and insulation installations (as reported in the 8 th , 9 th & 10 th HECA Progress Reports) has ended as council owned properties which can have central heating/insulation have now had it installed.	Occupational Therapists Dunlop Haywards Contractors	Nil	No
<u>Decent Homes Standard</u> Work connected with the Decent Homes Standard has been integrated into the Gas Central Heating Programme (see entry below)	See entry below	See entry below	See entry below
<u>Gas Central Heating (Planned) Programme</u> Installing condensing boilers and improved controls. Included in this programme the council and its partners provide advice on the efficient use of new gas central heating installations.	Contractors	Staff time	Yes

<u>District Heating/CHP</u>	Fuel suppliers Dunlop Haywards	Nil	Only if funding becomes available
District Heating/CHP assessments where central boilers are replaced have not progressed due to budgetary constraints.			
<u>Condensation Alleviation Programme</u>	Contractors GP's	Staff time	Yes
Targeting the incidence of ill health brought about in part by condensation/damp through the installation of heat recovery ventilation units. Trials indicate fuel savings, better thermal resistance of building fabric and alleviation of asthma.			
<u>Window & Roof Replacement Programme</u>	Contractors Dunlop Haywards Tenant representatives	Staff time	Yes
Upgrading of windows and roof coverings across the city to improve thermal efficiency of building fabric.			
<u>Tyfoam Removal Programme</u>	Contractors Dunlop Haywards	Staff time	Yes
A phased programme to remove 'Tyfoam' rigid foam and replace it with thermally efficient cavity wall insulation.			
<u>Thermal Cladding</u>	Specialists contractors BRE	Staff Time	Only if funding becomes available
No programmes for the Installation of thermal cladding decorative systems to 'undesirable' energy inefficient blocks of flats, or other measures were moved forward due to budgetary constraints.			
<u>Controllable Heat</u>	Fuel suppliers Heating contractors	Staff time	Yes
Targeting of council managed dwellings where current boilers have lack of heating controls and to install TRV's, thermostats etc.			
<u>Energy efficiency publicity</u>	Energy Efficiency Advice Centre/Managing Partner	Staff time	Yes
Area Neighbourhood Offices supplied with energy efficiency publicity leaflets on a regular basis, such as 'self help' energy advice. Range of material to being reviewed and updated.			
<u>Micro wind turbines</u>	Contractors PME Contracts Team	Staff Time & presentation	No, not in the foreseeable future.
Consultations with micro wind turbine companies did not progress due to budgetary constraints and the anticipated objections on planning grounds from residents of the blocks of flats identified a potentially suitable for the installation of micro wind turbines.			

<p><u>Implementation of Housing Repair & Maintenance's Sustainable Building Guidance Document</u> Projects are being developed to meet the targets set out within the document. This document can be viewed on the council website at www.brighton-hove.gov.uk</p>	<p>Repairs & Maintenance Contracts team Dunlop Haywards PME</p>	<p>Staff time</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p><u>Low Energy Lightbulbs</u> Provision of 2 free CFL low energy lightbulbs during gas servicing visits, along with a fuel poverty questionnaire</p>	<p>Contractors PME Contracts Team</p>	<p>Staff Time</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p><u>Handheld PC's</u> Use of handheld PCs, with appropriate energy survey software installed, used to collect data during stock surveys.</p>	<p>Contracts Team Midas I.T services</p>	<p>Costs borne by corporate IT services</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p><u>2. Private Sector Housing & General</u></p>			
<p><u>Managing Partner</u> The third year of the Brighton & Hove Energy Action Partnership contract with CLIMATE Energy was successfully completed in March 2007. The contract was due to finish after three years and then be put out to re-tender, however an extension to the contract was obtained until the end of June 2008 to facilitate the delivery of projects already in progress. The re-tender process will now begin in the Summer of 2007.</p>	<p>CLIMATE Energy</p>	<p>Staff time, Private Sector Renovation Grant Fund and other funding sources.</p>	<p>Current contract expires at the end of June 2008. The re-tendering process will begin in the summer of 2007.</p>
<p><u>Private Sector Renewal</u> A range of assistance in the form of Occupiers and Landlords Minor Heating and Insulation Grants continued to be available to households on low incomes and to registered or accredited landlords.</p>	<p>CLIMATE Energy</p>	<p>£540k from Private Sector Renewal Funds</p>	<p>Yes, subject to funding.</p>
<p><u>Energy Innovation Grants</u> a) <u>70 Plus Scheme</u> The central heating and insulation grants continued to be offered under the 70 Plus EIG scheme targeting older owner occupiers (70 plus age group), a significant proportion of who will be in fuel poverty.</p>	<p>CLIMATE Energy</p>	<p>£323k of innovative PSR funding</p>	<p>Yes, subject to funding.</p>
<p>b) <u>HMO EIG Scheme</u> The HMO EIG Scheme again provided central heating and insulation measures for the benefit of bedsit tenants/licensees, all of whom are likely to be in fuel poverty.</p>	<p>CLIMATE Energy</p>	<p>£75k of innovation PSR funding.</p>	<p>Yes, subject to funding.</p>

<p><u>Solar Water Heating Grant Scheme</u></p> <p>A new grant scheme for the installation of solar water heating systems in private domestic properties was launched in July 2006. This followed a modest pilot solar scheme which operated during the previous year. This new scheme provided grants of £1K toward the cost of installing a solar hot water heating system to local residents irrespective of age or income. Whilst applicants aged 60 or over who receive a qualifying means tested benefit were eligible for a grant to pay for the whole cost. Grants from this council scheme could be combined with grants from the Low Carbon Buildings Programme to provide additional funding toward the costs of installation or to offset the funding provided to applicants eligible for the full grant.</p>	<p>CLIMATE Energy Low Carbon Building Programme</p>	<p>£60k of Housing Renewal Funding.</p>	<p>Yes, subject to funding and review of the scheme after the first year.</p>
<p><u>Warm Front Excess Charge grant scheme.</u></p> <p>The Warm Front Excess Charge grant scheme continued to provide grants to Warm Front grant applicants who have been required to pay an excess charge as their grant has exceeded the Warm Front grant maxima of £2,700.</p>	<p>EAGA</p>	<p>£23k of innovative PSR funding</p>	<p>Yes, subject to funding</p>
<p><u>Brighton & Hove Home Energy Group</u> (formally the Brighton & Hove Home Energy Action Team)</p> <p>A new fuel poverty/home energy efficiency steering group was established in February 2007 to co-ordinate the development and implementation of a new Affordable Warmth Action Plan and other relevant home energy initiatives in Brighton & Hove. The need for this new group was identified from the outcomes of a council organised fuel poverty workshop for local stakeholders held in the autumn of 2006. Whilst tackling fuel poverty will be the primary focus of the group, it also has a wider brief to encompass all aspects of energy efficiency and sustainable/renewable energy in the domestic sector, so that it can fully support the implementation of relevant local sustainability initiatives such as the council's Climate Change Action Plan. The group will report to the local Strategic Housing Partnership and on an advisory basis to the councils' Sustainability Commission. The group will meet approximately every two months.</p>	<p>2020 Community Partnership. CLIMATE Energy ECSC Eaga Health Care Trusts Anchor Staying Put Other relevant local groups</p>	<p>Staff time</p>	<p>Yes</p>

<p><u>Energy Saving Trust's (EST) Innovation programme project – "Keep The Home Fires Burning" (KHFB).</u></p> <p>The project, which aims to target hard to reach, vulnerable householders within Brighton and Hove and assist them to achieve better thermal comfort and reduced energy bills, is now in its third year and final year of implementation. Since July 2007 when the scheme began accepting referrals, there have been 209 residents referred to the KHFB scheme. 185 of these have subsequently been referred for grant assistance to install energy saving measures such as energy efficient central heating systems, condensing boilers with controls, loft insulations and/or cavity wall insulations. The remaining 24 have not received measures due to refusal of assistance, moving out of the property or death, or where no measures were possible or required. Over the three years that the scheme has been operational 6 front line health teams comprising of over 70 health workers from within (or working closely with) the South Downs NHS Trust have received fuel poverty awareness training. KHFB continues to train front line workers within the South Downs Trust and is now also working with Childrens Disability Teams (within the NHS and those who work closely with the NHS) to expand on the range of people the service is reaching. KHFB are now also working with Age Concern to maximise the amount of older and vulnerable people accessing our service"</p>	<p>ECSC Anchor Staying Put</p>	<p>Staff time</p>	<p>Yes, subject to the outcome of a bid for further funding</p>
<p><u>Brighton Sunny Day event</u></p> <p>The Brighton Sunny day event took place in 2006 on 23rd July. The event was organised by Brighton Solar Projects, a not for profit organisation, and facilitated by Brighton & Hove City Council. The city council used the event to launch a new grant scheme to partially fund domestic solar water heating systems (further details of this scheme appear on page 4 of this report). A variety of other exhibitors attended the event, which aims to increase the awareness of renewable energy. The event also featured the finish of the Battery Vehicle Society London to Brighton rally, including at least one solar powered vehicle.</p>	<p>Brighton Solar Projects</p>	<p>Staff time</p>	<p>Subject to Brighton Solar Projects continuing to organise this annual event in the future.</p>

<p><u>Housing and Council Tax Benefit mailshot</u></p> <p>A mailshot targeting recipients of council tax and housing benefit took place in the winter of 2006. The project was jointly undertaken with Eaga and promoted the take up of Warm Front grants. The mailshot went to over 7,000 addresses in the city. Work on the mailshot was undertaken by Eagas' mailing house from data supplied by the councils' benefits team</p>	Eaga	Mailshot funded by Eaga otherwise staff time	Yes, two mailshots a year are planned
<p><u>Keep Warm Keep Well/Flu Vaccine/ Grant Take Up Mailshot</u></p> <p>A mailshot promoting the Keep Warm Keep Well and the free flu vaccine campaigns as well as encouraging the take up of home energy efficiency grants was undertaken in the autumn of 2006. The mailshot information on all three campaigns and was distributed to approximately 500 GP surgeries, Dentists, Hospitals, Clinics and retail pharmacists.</p> <p><u>South East Renewable Energy Conference</u></p> <p>In November 2006 the fourth South East Renewable Energy Conference took place in Brighton. Organised by the Energy Centre for Sustainable Communities (ECSC) in partnership with SEEDA and GOSE, the aims of the conference were to address main obstacles that the region needs to overcome to reach its renewable energy, and therefore its energy saving targets. The city council jointly sponsored the event, participated in the conference programme and took space at the accompanying exhibition.</p> <p><u>Events</u></p> <p>Twelve events were attended to promote energy efficiency in the home: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seven events were exhibitions where stand space was taken to promote energy efficiency in the home. • A series of four workshops promoting awareness of the contribution energy conservation can make in mitigating the effects of climate change. • A conference on sustainability at which a workshop on energy efficiency in the home was provided 	<p>Primary Care Trust</p> <p>ECSC</p> <p>Older Peoples Council Turner & Eastern Road Community Group. CLIMATE Energy ECSC Celia Barlow MP Carers Centre</p>	<p>Staff time. PCT funded cost of mailing.</p> <p>Staff time plus £2,000 for Associate Sponsorship of the event</p> <p>Staff time</p>	<p>Yes, it is planned to repeat this mailshot annually.</p> <p>No, not unless the conference is held in Brighton again.</p> <p>Yes, as appropriate events become known.</p>

<p><u>Distribution of Low Energy Lightbulbs</u></p> <p>Approximately 1,800 low energy light bulbs (CFL's) were distributed, as promotional items, at the councils' own events or those organised by other bodies where the council took exhibition stand space. In addition CFL's were distributed to eligible recipients of housing renewal heating and/or insulation grants and to new eligible council tenants.</p>	CLIMATE Energy	Staff time	Yes
<p><u>Media releases and articles.</u></p> <p>Nine media releases or articles were prepared to promote a variety of topics relating to energy efficiency in the home. These ranged from availability of grants, events with an energy efficiency element, supporting campaigns mounted by other agencies including the Keep Warm Keep Well campaign and Warm Homes Week.</p>	CLIMATE Energy Older Peoples Council Eletsons' Publishing ECSC NEA Dept of Health EST	Staff time	Yes
<p><u>Presentations and Training Sessions</u></p> <p>Seven presentations/training sessions were provided. Four sessions were given in partnership with the Energy Care Network (TECN) and two with the Keep The Home Fires Burning (KHFB) project (see earlier entry for details of the project) for staff from the local health authority, including one group of District Nurses. Two further sessions were provided to inform on, and promote, the take up grants for home energy efficiency measures. One was given at a meeting of the councils' Sustainability Commission and the other was to an over 50's group. The final training session, by way of a familiarisation tour, was provided to a member of staff from the local EEAC on the type and variety of domestic properties which exist in the city.</p>	TECN Keep the Home Fires Burning Project Sustainability Commission SEEEAC	Yes	Staff time

b) activities planned in 2007/08 and not mentioned in a) above			
Activity	Who is involved?	Partners' contribution (£) in 2007/08	Will this continue into 2008/09?
<p><u>1. Council Housing</u></p> <p><u>IT</u></p> <p>Install appropriate I.T and train staff to undertake rdSAP surveys in order to be able to produce energy performance certificates from October 2008</p>	Contracts Team Surveying Teams	Staff Time	Yes

<p><u>Review specification</u></p> <p>Review the specification of materials installed in new bathrooms. Specifically, looking at possible provision of thermostatic flow restricted showers and basin taps to reduce hot water demand.</p>	<p>Contractors Contracts Team</p>	<p>Staff Time</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p><u>Ground Source Heat Pumps</u></p> <p>Investigate opportunities to move forward on small scale ground source heat pump schemes with partners and installers.</p>	<p>Contractors PME Contracts Team</p>	<p>Staff Time</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p><u>2. Private Sector Housing & General</u></p> <p><u>BME Communities - Take Up of Grants and Benefits and other services.</u></p> <p>Development of a campaign to encourage the take up of home energy efficiency grants and benefits and other services by members of the local BME communities continued with officers and stakeholders. The idea for the campaign moved away from the original proposal to produce information material in a number of languages and toward providing a series of presentations to BME groups around the city. However, following further discussions with the BME Community Partnership it was decided to organise a single major event for the BME community in October 2007 to target BME elders (50 plus age group) and provide information to them about a wide range of government, council and other agencies services as possible.</p>	<p>BME Community Partnership Eaga CLIMATE Energy Benefits Team Anchor Staying Put Sussex Interpreting Services</p>	<p>'In kind' assistance from Eaga. and discounted costs for services provided by Sussex Interpreting Services. Staff time.</p>	<p>Subject to funding and staff resources.</p>
<p><u>Brighton & Hove City Council web site</u></p> <p>The existing Home Energy Efficiency content of the Brighton & Hove City Council web site is due to have a complete overhaul during the summer of 2006. This will involve dividing the content into sections and including links to those sections from a front page. There will also be a dedicated energy efficiency e-mail address provided for enquiries.</p>	<p>CLIMATE Energy</p>	<p>Staff time</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p><u>Public Health Network (previously known as the Health Promotion Network)</u></p> <p>This network was inactive during the year 2006/7 due to lack of funding being. However PCT funding is expected to be made available during the year 2007/8 to allow this network to be reinstated and developed. The councils'</p>	<p>Brighton & Hove Primary Care Trust</p>	<p>Staff time</p>	<p>Yes, subject to the network continuing</p>

<p>HECA Officer will attend meetings of the network when appropriate home energy efficiency and conservation issues are included on the agenda.</p>			
<p><u>Eco Faith Pack</u></p> <p>Brighton & Hove City Council is to participate in the Eco Faith Project which is a sustainability programme for faith groups wishing to reduce the environmental impact of their church buildings, and help themselves, and their parishioners adopt a more sustainable way of life. The Eco Faith Project does this by providing groups with a manual containing information and advice on a variety of topics from energy efficiency to waste reduction to help achieve this. Details of relevant local authority contacts are included so more information can be obtained. The Eco Faith project will cover the whole of East & West Sussex. Locally, the Eco Faith manuals will be distributed to approximately 100 church groups in Brighton & Hove.</p>	<p>Eco Faith Sussex. Eaga. Local Authorities in East & West Sussex.</p>	<p>£200 towards manual production costs from participating local authorities. Additional contribution from Eaga</p>	<p>Yes, subject to the Eco Faith programme continuing and after review of the first year.</p>
<p><u>Brighton & Hove Warm-Homes Campaign</u></p> <p>Brighton & Hove City Council has been successful in securing Community Energy Efficiency Funding (CEEF) of £151,800. This will be used to finance the initial stages of developing and launching the initiative, locally called the Brighton & Hove Warm-Homes campaign, which is programmed to continue until 2010/11. (further details appear in answer to question 5.c)</p>	<p>CLIMATE Energy EDF Energy Take Up (Benefits)Team Anchor/Keep the Home Fires Burning Project</p>	<p>£152k Defra/ CEEF funding. £1m EEC funding (for measures) via EDF Energy</p>	<p>Yes</p>

5a. Does your authority have an affordable warmth/fuel poverty strategy?

YES NO

5b. If you answered no to question 5a, do you have plans to develop an affordable warmth/fuel poverty strategy?

YES NO

5c. If you answered yes to question 5a or 5b, please briefly describe below how you are taking forward or planning to take forward a fuel poverty/affordable warmth strategy and advise on successes to date, key partners and anticipated future developments, with a particular emphasis on private sector housing stock.

Private Sector Renewal.

During 2006/07, assistance to the value of £540K was provided to private sector households on low incomes in the form of Occupiers' and Landlords' Minor Heating and Minor Insulation Grants.

Energy Innovation Grants.

a) 70 Plus scheme.

The heating and insulation grants offered under the 70+ EIG scheme are targeted at older owner-occupiers, a significant proportion of whom are in fuel poverty. The value of grants provided under this scheme in 2006/7 was £323K.

b) HMO EIG scheme.

The HMO EIG scheme provides central heating and insulation measures for the benefit of bedsit tenants/licensees, all of whom are likely to be in fuel poverty. During 2006/07 the HMO EIG scheme provided grants to the value of £75K.

Solar Water Heating Grant Scheme.

The Solar Water Heating Grant Scheme provides grants of £1K toward the cost of installing a solar hot water heating system to local residents irrespective of age or income. Whilst applicants aged 60 or over who receive a qualifying means tested benefit were eligible for a grant to pay for the whole cost. The Solar Water Heating Grant Scheme provided grants to the value of £60K.

Warm Front Excess Charge grant scheme.

The Warm Front Excess Charge grant scheme provides grants to Warm Front grant applicants who have been required to pay an excess charge as their grant has exceeded the Warm Front grant maxima of £2,700. Between April 2006 and the end of March 2007 grants to the value of £23K were provided.

The Brighton & Hove Energy Action Partnership.

The partnership arrangement established with CLIMATE Energy provided the means of delivering energy efficiency measures in private sector households through the various grant schemes as outlined above. For the 2006/7 year the partnership provided heating and/or insulation measures to 261 clients and installed measures into three houses in Multiple Occupations (HMOs') comprising twenty nine lettings.

Proactive Fuel Poverty Initiative – Brighton & Hove Warm Homes

Brighton & Hove City Council has been successful in securing a Community Energy Efficiency Fund (CEEF) grant to the value of £151,800. This funding will be used to finance the initial stages of developing and launching the initiative, which is programmed to continue until 2010/11. The council's main partners in delivering the Brighton & Hove CEEF project are Climate Energy (the council's current Home Energy Efficiency Managing Partner) and EDF Energy. Climate Energy will manage delivery of the project by means of targeted mail shots, the provision of benefit entitlement checks, arranging property surveys and organising installation of energy efficiency measures. They will also be responsible for providing a high standard of customer care and for quality control. EDF Energy have committed to making a major financial contribution towards the cost of energy efficiency measures delivered through the CEEF programme.

6. Please indicate below, for the period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007, the percentage improvement in energy efficiency recorded for each of the four housing sectors shown. In each case, please also indicate the resulting annual reduction

in CO₂ emissions and the costs involved. If you do not have the information available by sector, please ensure that you provide overall totals for each column in the table below.

Sector of housing	% improvement in energy efficiency achieved in 2006/07	Reduction in CO ₂ emissions 2006/07 (tonnes)	Cost of the measures in 2006/07	
			Cost to your authority £ millions	Overall cost £ millions
Total for each sector April 2006 to March 2007:				
Owner/Occupied	2.49	182,904	0.84	6.07
Local Authority	3.29	26,168	4.75	4.75
Private Rented	0.79	14,519	0.18	1.59
Housing Associations	1.25	3,356	0.00	0.61
OVERALL TOTAL FOR HOUSING, APRIL 2006 TO MARCH 2007				
	2.21	256,184	5.77	13.02
Any qualifying comments on these figures should be included here:				
None.				

7. Please indicate at (a) the annual percentage improvement (i.e. the reduction in consumption in GJ based on standard occupancy reported in each of the previous progress report periods and, at b) the overall progress recorded up to 31 March 2007. Please add any supplementary information below.

Please note that the figure entered at (b) will NOT be a sum of the figures entered at (a). Please see paragraph 26 of the accompanying guidance.

(a1) Progress reported between 1 April 1996 and 30 June 1997 (1 st progress report)	1.46 %
(a2) Progress reported between 1 April 1997 and 31 March 1998 (2 nd progress report)	1.25 %
(a3) Progress reported between 1 April 1998 and 31 March 1999 (3 rd progress report)	1.65 %
(a4) Progress reported between 1 April 1999 and 31 March 2000 (4 th progress report)	2.16 %
(a5) Progress reported between 1 April 2000 and 31 March 2001 (5 th progress report)	1.85 %
(a6) Progress reported between 1 April 2001 and 31 March 2002 (6 th progress report)	1.60 %
(a7) Progress reported between 1 April 2002 and 31 March 2003 (7 th progress report)	2.30 %
(a8) Progress reported between 1 April 2003 and 31 March 2004 (8 th progress report)	1.52 %
(a9) Progress reported between 1 April 2004 and 31 March 2005 (9 th progress report)	3.52 %
(a10) Progress reported between 1 April 2005 and 31 March 2006 (this progress report)	1.84 %
(a11) Progress reported between 1 April 2006 and 31 March 2007 (this progress report)	2.21 %
(b) Overall improvement in energy efficiency from 1 April 1996 to 31 March 2007	19.42 %
Any qualifying comments or supplementary information should be included here: None	

Before returning this form to DEFRA it must be authorised by the Chief Executive of your authority.

I confirm that I have seen and agreed this report of the progress made by this authority to implement its energy efficiency report as required under the Home Energy Conservation Act 1995.

Signature, Chief Executive

Name

Authority

Date