

**Bedford Borough Council**  
**Home Energy Conservation Act (HECA)**  
**Updated Further Report, March 2015**



ACTION	DETAILS	TIMING
<b>i) LOCAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY AMBITIONS AND PRIORITIES</b>		
Climate Local Commitment	We have signed the Climate Local Commitment (see <a href="http://www.bedford.gov.uk/sustainability">www.bedford.gov.uk/sustainability</a> ). We will continue to deliver on the local commitments and actions developed for Climate Local.	26 Oct 12 Apr-15
Bedford Borough Carbon Emissions	Bedford Borough's current emission estimate is 6.0 tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub> per capita – 2012 (2.2 tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub> is from domestic emissions) ( <i>data from DECC – ‘Emissions within the scope of influence of Local Authorities for 2005-2012’</i> : <a href="http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-authority-emissions-estimates">www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-authority-emissions-estimates</a> ). We will aim to reduce carbon emissions in the housing sector across Bedford Borough.	Mar-20
Fuel Poverty in Bedford Borough	It is estimated that 9.9% of Bedford Borough's households are fuel poor ( <i>data from DECC – ‘Fuel Poverty 2012: Sub Regional Data’</i> : <a href="http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-energy-climate-change/series/fuel-poverty-sub-regional-statistics">www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-energy-climate-change/series/fuel-poverty-sub-regional-statistics</a> ). We will aim to reduce fuel poverty in Bedford Borough and will deliver the aims of the Affordable Warmth Strategy (2013-16) and the Action Plan (Sept 2014/ Aug 15) in order to support the Government’s statutory target to ‘ensure that as many fuel poor homes in England as is reasonably practicable achieve a minimum energy efficiency rating of a Band C by 2030’, and the interim milestones of Band E by 2020, and Band D by 2025.	Aug-15
Private Sector House Condition Survey 2015-16	The survey provides information about housing conditions in the wards of the Borough, including the levels of energy efficiency and fuel poverty and will be used to support targetting initiatives on the stock that is identified as most in need.	2015-16
Housing Strategy 2012-17	One of the strategy’s key objectives is to improve the fabric of the existing housing stock, in particular to improve energy efficiency, reducing the carbon footprint of the existing stock, increasing adaptability to climate change and reducing fuel poverty.	2012-2017
Bedford Borough’s Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy	Bedford Borough Health and Wellbeing Board named ‘working in partnership to address fuel poverty’ one of its primary objectives in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2014-16.	2014/16
<b>ii) MEASURES WE ARE TAKING TO RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS OF OUR RESIDENTIAL ACCOMODATION:</b>		
Green Deal & Energy Companies Obligation (ECO)	Bedford Borough Green Deal & ECO Statistics up to 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2014: 698 Green Deal Assessments, 39 Cashback vouchers issued, 10 GD Home Improvement Fund vouchers issued. ECO: 587 measures were installed under the Carbon Saving Target (CSO), 237 measures under Carbon Savings Community (CSCO) and 593 under the Affordable Warmth (HHCRO) target (total of 1417 measures).	
	We will continue to act as a Promoter of the Green Deal, to the private householders and the Energy	Ongoing

	Companies Obligation (ECO) to those who are eligible, to increase the schemes' uptake and to encourage improvement in the energy efficiency of homes via awareness raising events and activities; and the Council's website.	
	We will continue to research the opportunities to work with Green Deal Providers and Energy Companies to introduce retro-fit schemes, to increase the energy efficiency of the Borough's homes and encourage take-up of renewable energy.	Ongoing
	We will working on links with Public Health to consider ways in which the Council can contribute to targeting energy efficiency measures towards residents whose health and care needs will be relieved by the measures. We will review currently available referral systems to ensure that effective referrals are made, particularly in relation to vulnerable clients to ensure that their multiple needs are identified.	Ongoing
Feed in Tariffs scheme	The cumulative number of domestic solar photovoltaic installations in Bedford Borough was 1,264, as of December 2014 (installed capacity of 4,648 kW) ( <i>data from DECC – 'Sub-regional Feed-in Tariffs confirmed on the CFR statistics': <a href="http://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/sub-regional-feed-in-tariffs-confirmed-on-the-cfr-statistics">www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/sub-regional-feed-in-tariffs-confirmed-on-the-cfr-statistics</a></i> )	
	We will continue to promote awareness of the carbon reduction and financial benefits of installing renewable energy generating technology, such as solar photovoltaic (PV) to householders of the Borough, to increase the number of installations.	Ongoing
Renewable Heat Incentive	We will promote awareness of the carbon reduction and financial benefits of installing renewable energy generating technology, such as biomass boilers, to householders of the Borough, to increase the number of installations.	Ongoing
EPCs	Before any residential accommodation is let, an EPC is obtained, providing a baseline of energy information.	Ongoing
Minimum standards in the private rental sector	We are working with our local private sector landlords through a proactive programme to support them to improve the energy efficiency standards of their properties.	Ongoing
Smart meters	We will continue to promote the benefits of smart meters to residents of the Borough and encourage them to have them installed in their homes.	2014-2019
<b>iii) MEASURES WE PROPOSE TO COST EFFECTIVELY DELIVER ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS IN RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION BY USING AREA BASED/ STREET BY STREET ROLL OUT:</b>		
Energy Company Obligation (ECO) Carbon Saving Communities	We will continue to work with local partners to identify and facilitate the delivery of area-based energy efficiency measures schemes in the Borough.	Ongoing
<b>iv) TIME FRAME FOR DELIVERY AND NATIONAL LOCAL PARTNERS</b>		
Local Authorities and	We will work with local partners including Housing Associations and neighbouring Local Authorities to	Ongoing

Housing Associations	identify future potential projects to improve the energy efficiency of residential accommodation in the Borough.	
Bedford Borough Health and Wellbeing Board	Through the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2014-16 (which names 'working in partnership to address fuel poverty' as one of its primary objectives) and the Joint Strategic Needs Assessments (JSNA), we will develop shared objectives that will exploit joint problem solving and decision making to address the key issues and priorities.	2014-16

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