

Appendix A Part 2: Coventry City Council Progress Report to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change in accordance with the Home Energy Conservation Act 1995

March 2017 Progress Report – Project Impacts

PROJECT	IMPACTS
<p>Affordable Warmth for Disabled Households Project: £597,000 Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) and £233,000 Energy Company Obligation (ECO) funding secured by the Affordable Warmth Team enabled the homes of over 80 disabled people to have insulation and heating improvements.</p>	<p>Annual fuel bill savings: Average saving £211 per household.</p> <p>Fuel bill savings for all households since project completion (2014 – Dec 2016): £54,000</p> <p>CO2 emission reduction since project completion (2014 – Dec 2016): 205 tonnes</p> <p>Jobs: At the peak of the project the local contractor employed 29 residents (5 from Coventry, remainder from Nuneaton, Bedworth and Hinckley)</p>
<p>Foleshill and Hillfields Energy Company Obligation-funded solid wall insulation: The Affordable Warmth Team worked in partnership with EON to get 439 private homes improved with solid wall insulation at no cost. Housing associations also had 706 homes improved for their tenants.</p>	<p>Annual fuel bill savings: Average saving £166 per household.</p> <p>Fuel bill savings for all households since project completion (2013 – Dec 2016): £727,000</p> <p>CO2 emission reduction (2013 – Dec 2016): 3195 tonnes</p>
<p>Switch and Save collective switching scheme: Following a Council scheme in 2013, the 2015 scheme was promoted by the Affordable Warmth Team over a 9 week period to help householders switch to cheaper suppliers and tariffs. 1688 householders registered for the scheme (of 41 local authorities participating, Coventry achieved the third highest number of registrations). 77% of registrants had never switched supplier before.</p>	<p>Numbers switching supplier: 501 households</p> <p>Annual fuel bill savings: Average saving for dual fuel monthly direct debit tariffs was £347. Across all tariff categories average saving was £285.</p> <p>12 month fuel bill savings for all households after switching: £135,279</p>

At the time of preparing this report, a third Switch and Save scheme was being promoted by the Affordable Warmth Team.	
Affordable warmth advice and information: The Affordable Warmth Team provides a year-round service offering advice and information i) by telephone and e-mail, ii) through events, surgeries and home visits and iii) via the Council's website. New referral partnerships are being developed.	Numbers receiving advice and information: For the calendar years 2015 and 2016, the Affordable Warmth Team helped 1,908 households through i) and ii), and for iii) there were 29,031 webpage views. Annual fuel bill savings for 2015 and 2016: Average saving £55 per household.
Keeping Coventry Warm winter programme: Public Health has worked with Affordable Warmth Team and enabled supplementary work over 3 successive winter periods. In 2015/16 this winter support comprised i) extended affordable warmth advice and information provided by Groundwork West Midlands, ii) repair or replacement of broken boilers for low income residents with health conditions affected by the cold. A wide range of referral partners were engaged in referring to the service.	Numbers receiving advice and information: For the winter periods in 2013/14, 204/15 and 2015/16, a total of 2,217 households were assisted. In 2014/15, and 2015/16, 90% of these households included vulnerable individuals (with health conditions). Annual fuel bill savings for 2015/16: Average saving £109 per household. 12 month fuel bill savings from 2015/16 for all households after advice and information: £125,000 Numbers assisted with boiler repairs or replacements: 9 households.
The Affordable Warmth on Prescription Project: This pilot is currently being implemented, working with GP practices in the city, using £50,000 Public Health funding and £100,000 matched Warm Zones funding. It will provide heating and insulation improvements for patients with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD). With patient consent, a 'before and after' data analysis will be used to evidence changes in demand for health care services. At the time of preparing this report the Affordable Warmth Team is continuing to assess households for eligibility, and improvement work is underway for those already referred to Warm Zones.	Number of COPD patients assisted with heating and insulation: An estimated 25 – 30 households will benefit, and reduced demand for health and care services is anticipated, based on similar successful pilots.

<p>Fuel vouchers for prepayment meter users visiting foodbanks: Following collaborative work between the Affordable Warmth Team and Coventry Foodbanks, and discussions between them and NPower and the Trussell Trust, NPower has agreed to extend its fuel voucher scheme to Coventry for an initial 12 month period. Fuel vouchers will be available at 8 of the city's food banks from March 2017 (maximum of 3 vouchers available per household).</p>	<p>Number of prepayment meter users assisted: An estimated 1000 households using foodbanks will receive fuel vouchers over 12 months.</p>
---	--