
REPORT TO:	Finance and Management Committee – Special	AGENDA ITEM: 6A
DATE OF MEETING:	10th January 2013	CATEGORY: DELEGATED
REPORT FROM:	Director of Operations	OPEN
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SUBJECT:	Energy saving / fuel poverty initiative	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE: HCS01 & FM

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 Members approve the agreement for the joint delivery of a 'fuel poverty and carbon reduction project' between South Derbyshire District Council and Derbyshire County Council.

2.0 Purpose of Report / Reason for Urgency

- 2.1 To seek approval for a joint project, facilitated by the Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Energy Partnership, to deliver a fuel poverty and carbon reduction initiative in the District utilising funding from the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC).
- 2.2 Formal notification of the grant funding only came into the Council in recent days but the government and county council require a formal commitment to the project by 11th January 2013. In line with the Council's Constitution, this Committee has the power to determine all matters coming within the purview of any other Committee on the grounds of urgency or expediency in between meetings.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Local Authority Energy Partnership (LEAP) is a non constituted arrangement where local authorities seek to pool knowledge, experience and initiatives for the greater community benefit. South Derbyshire DC has been a member of the partnership for several years.
- 3.2 The partnership has recently been successful in a bid to DECC for funding towards a Fuel Poverty and Green Deal project. As a collective the partnership has been awarded £2.1m. Of this, South Derbyshire has approx £150,000 to spend on the installation of approx 50 new boilers, 4 new heating systems and 100 loft and cavity wall installations. The monies need to be targeted at households experiencing fuel poverty with inefficient heating and insulation systems.

- 3.3 The bid was also successful for Green Deal Pioneer Places funding and part of this fund will be used to procure specialised software, Energy Performance Certificate data and Mosaic (household income) data for participating authority areas.
- 3.4 The purchase of this data combined with local knowledge of public and voluntary sector colleagues will be used to find and target the most vulnerable households. For example; the software data can be used to identify households in fuel poverty with G-rated boilers who did not qualify for funding under the previous Warmfront scheme.
- 3.5 Derbyshire County Council will be the responsible body for the funds for the duration of the project and will draw down funds from DECC on a monthly basis.
- 3.6 The installation of 100 loft and cavity wall insulations will be funded using an extension of the already existing CERT funding and our continued partnership with Apex Carbon Solutions.
- 3.7 Notification of the funding was received from DECC on the 19th of December 2012. The County Council are required to sign the agreement with DECC by the 11th January 2013 to ensure monies are utilised by the end of the financial year. Similarly the County Council require a formal commitment from the District Council on the same timescale that we will deliver the spending and works on this basis.

4.0 Financial and Resource implications

- 4.1 No match funding is required for this project. The workload in prioritising and arranging works on behalf of recipient households will be undertaken utilising existing staffing resources in the Strategic Housing section.

5.0 Corporate / Community implications

- 5.1 Providing services that improves the Health & Well being of our residents delivers on a key aim of the Corporate Plan.