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SUBJECT:	Energy Efficiency strategy	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	All	TERMS OF REFERENCE: HCS01

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The Energy Efficiency Strategy (EES) provides a framework for the implementation of a series of measures, which are designed not only to meet with the Council's corporate commitment to reducing carbon emissions but to improve the energy efficiency of South Derbyshire's housing stock and provide a means of support for the Council's Housing Customers, particularly the vulnerable, for the purposes of eradicating Fuel Poverty.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To adopt and implement the attached Energy Efficiency Strategy for Housing Services.

3. Detail

- 3.1 The Strategy is made up of a Policy Statement from which a series of aims and objectives have been established and incorporated into an Action Plan. It is also an integral part of the Asset Management Strategy and seeks to ensure that the housing stock will be progressively improved through a 'Best Value' framework that includes external funding to deliver affordable warmth to Housing Customers in their homes and meet a high standard of thermal and energy efficiency.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There will be financial implications for the repair and improvement programme in implementing the Energy Efficiency Strategy although heating, window and door replacements are already integral to current programmes.
- 4.2 The EES though will assist in accessing external funding for energy efficiency measures principally available through the CERT process (Carbon Emissions reduction target).

5. Corporate Implications

- 5.1 The Head of Environmental Services has been consulted in the preparation of the strategy and the strategy assists in the delivery of priorities identified in the Corporate, Community, Affordable Warmth and Asset Management Strategies.

6. Community Implications

- 6.1 Achieving the eradication of fuel poverty in the South Derbyshire District Housing stock will significantly improve the quality of life of local residents.

7. SDTF Comment

- 7.1 The scheduling of SDTF meetings has not coincided with the production of reports for this Committee.