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<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	<b>8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2004</b>	<b>CATEGORY:</b>	<b>DELEGATED</b>
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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>ENERGY EFFICIENCY SCHEME</b>	<b>REF:</b>	
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>TERMS OF REFERENCE:</b>	<b>CS02</b>

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### **1.0 Recommendations**

- 1.1 That committee confirm approval of the energy efficiency grant scheme.

### **2.0 Purpose of Report**

- 2.1 To seek members approval for the delivery of the 2003/04 energy efficiency grant scheme, which will operate across the district using existing funding from the 2003/04 capital programme.

### **3.0 Detail**

- 3.1 On 13<sup>th</sup> March 2003 member's approved the Private Sector Housing Renewal Policy which sets out the Council's commitment to reduce harmful CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and tackle fuel poverty, using initiatives to promote and improve energy conservation in the home.
- 3.2 The initiative we propose for the current financial year is an energy efficiency scheme delivered in partnership with Heatsavers Insulation Limited.
- 3.3 The proposed scheme will target vulnerable groups and offer 100% grants for loft insulation, pipe lagging and hot water tank insulation.
- 3.4 The scheme will be available to all owner occupiers and private sector tenants who are over 60, or disabled.
- 3.5 The scheme will be widely advertised to secure maximum take up and will run from the beginning of January 2004 until the end of the financial year (or when funding runs out – whichever is the sooner).
- 3.6 The scheme will be funded through the capital programme to the sum of £25,000. The proposed contractor, Heatsavers Insulation Ltd, receives funding from London Energy and can offer to undertake the administration, survey work and installation at

a heavily subsidised rate. This will enable us to undertake energy efficiency improvements to approximately 150 households.

- 3.7 Householders in receipt of an income or disability related benefit, will be referred to the government Warm Front scheme.
- 3.8 The Home Energy Conservation Act (HECA) and the Warm Homes Act 2000 requires all Local Authorities to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and eradicate fuel poverty in vulnerable households by 2010. The Decent Homes Standard includes a requirement to improve thermal efficiency of private sector households. This scheme will contribute to these requirements and help achieve the targets for reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

#### **4.0 Financial Implications**

- 4.1 The £25,000 budget will be met using existing Housing Capital Programme funds.
- 4.2 The cost of advertising/publicity will also be met by the existing Housing Capital Programme budget.

#### **5.0 Agenda 21 Implications**

- 5.1 Insulation of properties conserves non renewable fuel sources.