

CRAWLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL HECA REPORT 2019

Introduction

The Home Energy Conservation Act 1995 ('HECA') requires all 326 local authorities ('LA's) in England to submit reports to the Secretary of State demonstrating what energy conservation measures they have adopted to improve the energy efficiency of residential accommodation within that LA's area. This covers measures to improve properties in the owner-occupier, private rented sector, and social rented sector. BEIS uses data submitted through LAs HECA returns to inform policy thinking on energy efficiency, and to build an ongoing picture of local and national energy efficiency policy delivery.

The Report is to be divided by sections to capture information on a range of key themes:

Headline & Overview

What main strategy and schemes LAs currently have to promote carbon reduction and/or energy efficiency, stakeholders involved and impact at a societal and economic level.

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Please provide a link to your current strategy for carbon reduction and/or energy efficiency for domestic or non-domestic properties here:

crawley.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/PUB183597.pdf

What scheme(s) has your local authority implemented in support of energy saving/carbon reduction in residential accommodation (such as owner-occupied, privately rented and social housing) or non-domestic properties since 2017?

External wall insulation programme and solar photovoltaic installation programme on council owned social housing stock. 2 Passivhaus developments: very low energy design – total of 19 dwellings – Gales Place and Dobbins Place

Solar PV operational property installations – The Hawth, Bewbush Pavillion, Furnace Green, Ifield Drive and Southgate Community Centre

Since November 2018 we have partnered with AgilityEco (who deliver the “Local Energy Advice Partnership” or “LEAP”) to provide advice, support and energy saving measures to fuel poor and vulnerable households (all tenures) and the “Emergency Central Heating Offer” or “ECHO”, to repair or replace broken gas boilers in fuel poor and vulnerable households (private domestic). Both services are provided free of charge to households, subsidised by funding which has been secured from several licensed energy suppliers under the Warm Home Discount Industry Initiatives scheme.

Utilise Plus - working in partnership with the Sustainable Business Partnership to deliver the programme

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EWI Council owned housing stock – considerable improvement to thermal performance of 140 households, with U Values reduced so far as to comply with standards for new thermal elements in Approved Document L1B.

The Minimum Energy Efficiency Regulations (the Regulations) apply to all privately rented properties in England and Wales. As of April 2018, all such properties are legally required to have an Energy

Emergency Heater Scheme - providing standalone heaters as a temporary measure to West Sussex households with no working heating system.

Fuel poverty guidance and training material and relationships with councillors and frontline organisations (eg Age UK, Citizens Advice, Family Mosaic) to ensure those in need are identified and signposting to relevant services can be delivered.

West Sussex Affordable Energy Website www.westsussexenergy.co.uk and produce 'Stay Well This Winter' Booklets.

A system of discretionary, interest free, loans to help private sector residents meet the costs of maintaining their home.

