

HECAFURTHER REPORT, MARCH 2017: SOUTH RIBBLE BOROUGH COUNCIL

ACTION	OUTCOMES	TIMING
i) LOCAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND FUEL POVERTY AMBITIONS AND PRIORITIES		
<p>Carbon Reduction Target (20% reduction)</p>	<p>The Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) has produced various figures for carbon reduction for the area from the highest in 2006 at 274Kt to the lowest at 240kt in 2009.</p> <p>The target set uses the 2005 figures of 271Kt as a baseline. This figure has been used because since 2005 we have implemented 11,403 insulation measures and the council has made substantial investment in delivering home energy measures. This reduces the future opportunities that we can take and identify. The figure also takes account of the fact that in the first few years of implementation the Green Deal will be slow to establish.</p> <p>An achievable but ambitious carbon reduction target would be recommended at 20% for the period 2013 – 2027. This would deliver a 1.66% per year reduction in carbon emissions equivalent to 4498.6 tonnes achieving an overall reduction of 5.4Kt by 2027</p> <p>The Councils carbon emissions reduction annual target of 1.66% (4498.6 tonnes) for the period April 13 – March 14 has been achieved with an actual reduction of 2.17% (6653.6 tonnes) within the borough</p> <p>The Councils carbon emissions reduction annual target of 1.66% (4498.6 tonnes) for the period April 14 – March 15 has been achieved with an actual reduction of 1.60 % (4862.54 tonnes) within the borough</p> <p>The Councils carbon emissions reduction annual target of 1.66% (4498.6 tonnes) for the period April 15 – March 16 has been achieved with an actual reduction of 1.71% (4898.86 tonnes) within the borough</p>	<p>2013 - 2027</p>
<p>Fuel Poverty Target (Keep level below both national and Lancashire levels 15%)</p>	<p>In 2010 16.4% of all households nationally are reported to be in fuel poverty in Lancashire it is 20.5%</p> <p>The stock condition survey in 2012 has identified that the level of fuel poverty in South Ribble is at 15.5% which is equivalent to 6564 properties.</p> <p>The proposed target is to aim to maintain the level of fuel poverty below both the Lancashire and National fuel poverty levels reported. This takes into account the fact that recent energy price rises and that a 5% increase in fuel prices with a freeze on annual incomes would increase fuel poverty to 17%.</p>	<p>2013 - 2027</p>

	<p>The fuel poverty figure for South Ribble Borough Council was 7.8% which was published by the Department of Energy and Climate Change in June 2016 which was the lowest in Lancashire.</p>	
<p>Central Lancashire Core Strategy July 2012</p>	<p>Our aim is to ensure that all new dwellings will meet the following levels in the Code for Sustainable Homes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code level 3 until 31st December 2012 • Code level 4 from 1st January 2013 • Code level 6 from 1st January 2016 <p>With the trigger for corrective action where more than 5% of all developments fail to meet standards on a rolling 3 year average.</p> <p>In March 2015 the Deregulation Act received Royal Assent which proposed that all energy efficiency standards will be included in Building Regulations. As a result the Code for Sustainable Homes was withdrawn. The Code for the Sustainable Homes requirement in Policy 27 of the Core Strategy is therefore no longer relevant. The Government set out transitional arrangements until energy efficiency standards are included in Building Regulations which allow local authorities to continue to apply policies in their Local Plans that require compliance with energy efficiency standards that exceed Building Regulations. In accordance with the transitional arrangements, South Ribble is requiring all new dwellings to achieve a minimum Dwelling Emission Rate (DER) of 19% above 2013 Building Regulations which is equivalent to Code Level 4 energy requirements. Compliance with other aspects of the Code for Sustainable Homes are no longer required.</p>	<p>Up to 31st Dec 2012 From 1st Jan 2013 From 1st Jan 2016</p>
<p>Lancashire Health & Wellbeing Strategy / Board</p>	<p>The Health and Wellbeing Board vision is that: 'We want every citizen in Lancashire to enjoy a long and healthy life'. Lancashire is moving towards the preventative agenda and its overarching goals are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Better health – increase the time that people in Lancashire can expect to live in good health, and narrow the gap in health and wellbeing. ▪ Better care – deliver measureable improvements in people’s experience of health and social care services ▪ Better value – reduce the cost of health and social care, whilst increasing its effectiveness by promoting collaboration and integration between partners <p>The Board is committed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shift resources towards interventions that prevent ill health and reduce demand for hospital and residential services ▪ Build and utilise the assets, skills and resources of our citizens and communities 	<p>Ongoing</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Promote and support greater individual self-care and responsibility for health; making better use of information technology and advice ▪ Commit to delivering accessible services within communities; improving the experience of moving between primary, hospital and social care ▪ Make joint working the default option ▪ Work to narrow the gap in health and wellbeing and its determinants 	
Health Inequalities in Lancashire, Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)	The JSNA for health inequalities in Lancashire-14 provides analysis of inequalities in health and the causes of poor health, between deprivation groups. It identifies narrowing the gap in respiratory and cardiovascular diseases (CVD) as two of the top ten goals for improving the health of Lancashire's population. These are conditions known to be affected by having a cold home (NICE Guidance).	Ongoing
Report of the Director of Public Health and Wellbeing 2016	The 2016 Report of the Director of Public Health and Wellbeing , 'Securing Our wellbeing' identifies fuel poverty as one of the social, economic, environmental determinants of health and wellbeing.	2016-17 and ongoing review
Lancashire Climate Change Strategy	Although the partnership no longer meets the Lancashire Climate Change Strategy sets out the long term vision that Lancashire is “low carbon and well adapted by 2020” with a target to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by at least 34% (relative to 1990) by that time. A summary of the latest CO ₂ figures for Lancashire is available here: http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/lancashire-insight/environment/carbon-dioxide-emissions.aspx	2020
ii) MEASURES THAT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND OTHER BENEFITS OFFERED FROM CENTRAL GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES, TO HELP RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS OF RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION		
Cosy Homes in Lancashire (CHiL) - Securing Energy Company Obligation (ECO)	<p>The Cosy Homes in Lancashire (CHiL) scheme is a county wide collaboration which South Ribble Borough Council participated in during 2015-16.</p> <p>Its primary aim was to test the business model of installing energy efficiency and heating improvements in domestic dwellings through ECO funding and to achieve as many installations as possible to improve the thermal efficiency of Lancashire homes, especially for the benefit of customers experiencing fuel poverty and/or with cold-related health issues. The CHiL project gained an Ashden Award for Sustainable Homes in 2016.</p> <p>The Lancashire Energy Officers Group, under the CHiL banner, will continue to engage with BEIS, Ofgem and Fuel Utilities through the ECO2 transition period to secure as much flexible eligibility funding as possible for Lancashire households in fuel poverty or on a low income and are vulnerable with cold related illnesses. As a group of authorities we will also participate in further consultation on ECO3 following the progress of ECO2t transition and the lessons learned from this period, to help shape the ECO3 offer for vulnerable Lancashire residents.</p>	2017 and ongoing

	South Ribble Borough Council will continue to participate in the Lancashire Energy Officers Group and will review the opportunities for further ECO-related collaborative projects under the CHiL banner.	
Heating Measures	<p>The Central Heating Fund (CHF) was secured in 2015 for Lancashire through a Cosy Homes in Lancashire bid to DECC (now BEIS), with Blackburn with Darwen Council as the lead authority. The scheme has delivered 580 first time central heating systems and 7 supplementary insulation measures to Lancashire residents by the official deadline date of 28th February 2017. The funding was delivered through a grant system for each applicant.</p> <p>The CHiL CHF has delivered on time with no underspend and was well oversubscribed. However, BEIS has advised there is no additional funding available. There may be a possibility that some of the households who could not be helped through the CHF could benefit from the Flexible Eligibility element of ECO2t.</p> <p>The scheme is now closed and is in the evaluation phase, which will be reported back to BEIS. Alternative funding sources are continually being sought to support Lancashire residents with heating measures.</p>	2015 -17
ECO: Help to Heat Flexible Eligibility - Statement of Intent	<p>The Lancashire Energy Officers Group is preparing for ECO2t (transition period April 2017 – 2018) where local authorities will have discretion to identify fuel poor and vulnerable households (cold related illness) under the 'Flexible Eligibility' element of ECO Affordable Warmth.</p> <p>A Statement of Intent (SOI) will be developed during March 2017 in accordance with Ofgem requirements. At this early stage it is envisaged that criteria will be agreed Lancashire wide, but currently it is not confirmed whether the SOI will be a Lancashire consortium to cover all LA's or whether some LA's will develop their own SOI.</p> <p>Once developed, a link will be included in HECA reports as appropriate.</p>	2017 onwards
iii) LOCAL MEASURES TO REDUCE FUEL POVERTY AND RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS OF RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION		
Fuel Poverty / Affordable Warmth Interventions	<p>Since the end of the Warm Homes Health People funding in 2013 Lancashire County Council has provided funding to support district and city councils across Lancashire deliver affordable warmth interventions such as replacement boilers, heating system repairs, standard loft and cavity wall insulation and specialised insulation where traditional measures cannot be used. The funding is targeted at those at greatest risk of their health being affected by having a cold home. A further £1 million was secured in 2016 to continue this support until 2018.</p> <p>South Ribble Borough Council has delivered this under the Winter Warmth scheme which has provided assistance for Loft / Cavity wall / External wall insulation, gas appliance servicing, repairs or replacements and the replacement of single glazed windows and doors to double glazed.</p>	2016-17 and 2017-18

<p>Hospital In-Reach</p>	<p>Over the last few years Lancashire councils have worked to increase efforts to reach the most in need by providing a hospital in-reach service. The main focus is to help those with long term health conditions, in particular the fuel poor, currently in hospital or recently discharged, return to safe and warm homes. Patients are signed up for interventions whilst in hospital or very soon after returning home, the wards targeted are respiratory, cancer, fracture clinics and those where there is a predominance of elderly patients who may need additional support when returning home.</p> <p>The project is currently being delivered through a combination of Council staff, Age Concern and Age UK Lancashire staff and volunteers at hospitals in Preston, Blackburn, Blackpool and Chorley reaching residents from large parts of Lancashire.</p> <p>The priority during 2017 is to secure funding to sustain the service and expand the project into additional hospitals to reach more vulnerable households.</p>	<p>Looking to develop further during 2017 & Ongoing</p>
<p>Awareness raising with frontline staff</p>	<p>Work is ongoing to raise awareness of the affordable warmth measures available across Lancashire and how to make referrals with frontline staff. Awareness sessions are targeted at those from health and social care services, ensuring the most vulnerable are targeted for interventions.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Central Heating Fund After Care Package</p>	<p>The CHF schemes helped 580 households to have first time central heating installed. During the surveying process other energy efficiency measures were identified such as loft top-ups and cavity wall insulation which CHF was unable to fund. Part of the scheme is to provide a follow visit to each property to ensure that the residents are managing their new heating systems. As part of this after care service funding is being sought to offer a package of additional measures and advice to help these vulnerable households to reduce energy and save money.</p>	<p>2017</p>
<p>Staff Training</p>	<p>The Energy Officers Group works with partners such as NEA to identify opportunities for staff training. In-house sessions have recently been provided on the dangers of Carbon Monoxide and fuel poverty; how to identify those at risk and make effective referrals. Opportunities for further training will be sought during 2017-18.</p>	<p>2016-17 and ongoing</p>
<p>Advice to the Public</p>	<p>An energy advice booklet is being developed for Lancashire residents. It will provide information specific to Lancashire on where to get advice and support.</p>	<p>2017</p>
<p>Engaging with Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs)</p>	<p>The Lancashire Energy Officers Group is identifying opportunities to engage and work with the CCGs. A Lancashire specific event is planned for 2017.</p>	<p>2017</p>

<p>Fairer Power- 'Red Rose Energy'</p>	<p>South Ribble Borough Council is exploring the feasibility to signing up to Fairer Power – Red Rose Energy, providing residents access to a low price, competitive, fixed or variable tariff, including supply to pre-payment meter customers as an alternative to the 'big six' suppliers.</p> <p>The lead authority, Preston City Council has entered into partnership arrangement with Fairerpower, established as a not for profit business by Cheshire East Council with Ovo Energy, to offer Lancashire households access to a fair and competitive domestic energy tariff. The arrangement is open to all Lancashire authorities to join to enable the offer to become available in their council area.</p>	<p>2017 & ongoing</p>
<p>Smart Meters</p>	<p>The Energy Officers Group has partnered with Smart Energy GB to support the smart meter roll out (2016-2020) and leaflets have been produced with the Lancashire 'Cosy Homes' branding. Initial training has already been provided to some local authority energy officers. Opportunities to provide training sessions for 'champions' and secure funding to support the roll out across Lancashire will be sought going forward.</p>	<p>2016-2020.</p>
<p>Minimum standards in the private rented sector -</p>	<p>South Ribble Council's Environmental Health team carries out HHSRS inspections. Where there are issues with excess cold associated with the heating systems, the Council requires a fixed heating system to be installed and maintained. The Council always encourages the landlord to install the most energy efficient option.</p> <p>The Council ensures all private rented properties will meet the minimum standards on Energy Efficiency for letting –</p> <p>From 2018 all private rented property will have to meet a minimum energy rating of a Band E on an EPC assessment, in preparation for this SRBC will work to inform and educate landlords via website, press releases and working with Lancashire Trading Standards.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Building Control</p>	<p>South Ribble Borough Council's building control section work to ensure compliance with Approved Document L of the Building Regulations 2010. This document is titled "Conservation of fuel and power in new dwellings". This document applies to both domestic and commercial premises.</p> <p>The building control section also offer free advice and guidance on how these regulations can be complied with.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Defective Insulation</p>	<p>Blackburn with Darwen Council commissioned a study into problem cavity wall insulation (CWI) because of increasing evidence of instances concerning damp, wet and saturated insulation, consequent mould, rat infestation and health related problems where CWI has been installed incorrectly or inappropriately. The results have been shared across the Lancashire Energy Officers Group and with government.</p> <p>An event is planned for 2017 to further raise awareness on insulation, damp and mould</p>	<p>2016-17 & ongoing</p>

	problems with local authorities and housing associations across Lancashire	
iii) MEASURES TO IMPLEMENT ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS COST-EFFECTIVELY IN RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION BY USING AREA BASED/STREET ROLL OUT INVOLVING LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND PARTNERSHIPS		
	<p><i>South Ribble Borough Council has 5 neighbourhoods where measures for fuel poverty will be targeted; this will be carried out systematically on an area by area basis which would then be broken down further to target individual street as identified in the 2012 Stock Condition Survey.</i></p> <p><i>The 5 Neighbourhoods are –</i></p> <p><i>Penwortham ,Western Parishes</i> (Longton, Hutton, New Longton, Whitestake, Walmer Bridge, Little Hoole & Much Hoole), <i>Eastern</i> (Samlesbury, Coupe Green, Gregson Lane, Walton le Dale, Higher Walton, Bamber Bridge), <i>Central</i> (Lostock Hall, Tardy Gate, Farington)and <i>Leyland</i> (Including Buckshaw Village)</p>	2013 - 2027
Cosy Homes in Lancashire (CHIL)	South Ribble Borough Council, alongside Lancashire District Council partners will remain vigilant for opportunities to access funding and develop coherent Affordable Warmth schemes. Examples are likely to include bidding for funding generated by Energy Companies' fines (the Voluntary Redress Payments), the ECO Flexible Eligibility initiatives, the Smart Energy GB (smart metering) and Warm Homes Discount, for example.	2017 and ongoing
Hard to Treat Homes	The Council notes the Government's response (January 2017) to the 'Help to Heat' consultation with regards to solid wall insulation. The Council will endeavour to facilitate opportunities for residents to access suitable funding	
iv) TIMEFRAME FOR DELIVERY AND NATIONAL / LOCAL PARTNERS		
Timeframe	The timeframe for delivery is set out alongside the activities outlined above. Many are long-standing and ongoing actions reviewed on an ongoing basis to ensure all opportunities from government initiatives and other funding streams are realised.	
Lancashire Energy Officers Group	The Lancashire Energy Officers Group consists of representatives from the 12 district councils in Lancashire and Blackburn with Darwen Council, Blackpool Council and Lancashire County Council. The Group was established in 2007 and works in partnership to improve the energy efficiency of Lancashire Homes, address health inequalities exacerbated by living in cold damp homes, reduce fuel poverty, tackle seasonal excess deaths and reduce carbon emissions from the domestic sector.	

Cosy Homes In Lancashire (CHIL) – Network of delivery partners.	The Energy Officers Group works with a network of local installers and delivery partners to deliver local and regional energy efficiency schemes under the Lancashire 'CHIL' brand.
Fuel Utilities	The Energy Officers Group is in regular contact with a range of fuel utilities in order to secure ECO funding for Lancashire residents. This will continue to establish relationships to deliver ECO Flexible Eligibility in Lancashire.
Ashden Awards Alumni	The Cosy Homes in Lancashire project gained an Ashden Award for Sustainable Homes in 2016. As a winner the Energy Group has joined the Ashden Awards Alumni via Blackpool Council as the CHIL project lead. This provides the Lancashire councils access to a network of support to help expand out projects.
NW Association of Local Energy Officers (ALEO)	The Council links into the NW ALEO network to share knowledge on reducing domestic-sector carbon footprint and tackling fuel poverty across the region.
National Energy Action (NEA)	Representatives from the Energy Officers Group regularly attend the Northwest Fuel Poverty and Fuel Debt Forums to share best practice and learning across the regional network. The Group has worked with NEA to provide in-house training sessions on fuel poverty and how to identify those at risk and make effective referrals.
Smart Energy GB	The Lancashire Energy Officers Group has partnered with Smart Energy GB to support the smart meter roll out.
Community engagement	There is partnership engagement across Lancashire with other agencies including Lancashire Fire and Rescue, and Lancashire Constabulary and third sector organisations to promote and improve the wellbeing of our communities through early intervention and strong referral pathways.
Third Sector Organisations	Across Lancashire the Energy Officers Groups works with local organisations such as Age UK Lancashire and Age Concern to target affordable warmth interventions at vulnerable groups and to develop referral pathways.
Lancashire Combined Authority	The shadow Combined Authority for Lancashire is meeting on a monthly basis with a view to becoming formally established from April 2017. Leaders have already agreed a Scheme of Governance which sets out voting arrangements and membership and the shadow Combined Authority are operating within these same principles.

Signed off by	
Position	Interim Chief Executive