

WORCESTERSHIRE LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT 2008-11 DELIVERY PLAN

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SUMMARY

Theme	Priority	Theme Group	Management Group Lead	Partners	Cross-Cutting Theme
Stronger communities	To provide decent and affordable housing which meets the diverse needs of Worcestershire	Worcestershire Partnership Environment Group	Kevin Dicks, Bromsgrove District Council	District Councils, Worcestershire County Council, WEEAC	Tackling the challenges of climate change

Indicator	Description	Purpose	Indicator Lead
NI187	Tackling fuel poverty - % of people receiving income based benefits living in homes with a low energy efficiency rating	To measure progress in tackling fuel poverty through the improved energy efficiency of households inhabited by people claiming income based benefits.	Rachel Jones, Act on Energy

Baseline	2008/09 Target	2009/10 Target	2010/11 Target	Target
SAP below 35 – 10.68% SAP above 65 – 36.73%	N/A (deferred target)	SAP below 35 – 9.18% SAP above 65 – 38.23%	SAP below 35 – 7.68% SAP above 65 – 39.73%	Designated

CONSIDERATIONS

Is this priority dependant on any other LAA priorities?	LAA Priority	Theme Group	Arrangement for managing dependency
	NI186	WPEG	187 has been integrated into 186 delivery plan. Managed through WPEG

Have equality and diversity considerations been made?	The monitoring of this indicator will allow each LA to target the most vulnerable homes in the community through the data provided by 187 and through each LA affordable warmth action plan. Also the thermal imaging project will allow further targeting of Worcestershire most vulnerable households.
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	Risk	Current Impact	Current Likelihood	How managed
What are the significant risks associated with this priority?	Small sample size, mailshot to different homes each year so potential for SAP data to be affected. Also reliant on householder completing questionnaire – potential risk of accuracy of information.	Unknown as baseline data is only data currently available	unknown	DECC has allowed a 3% leeway on results. Key area for DECC is action plan/delivery plan
	Funding/targets for insulation grants may be reached		Free over 70 is likely to end during 2009 as utility targets are being achieved	Current CERT funding due to run until 2011 but targets are being achieved. Central government looking to extend scheme. Need to ensure that current funding is marketed to residents to ensure maximum take up. Some LA are offering additional funding to residents

	Policy, plan or strategy	Responsible Theme Group or organisation	Arrangement for managing dependency
Is this priority delivered through or dependant on any other?	Each district/borough has a affordable warmth action plan to tackle fuel poverty	District Affordable Warmth Action Groups	Chairs/key members from each group report to County Home Energy Group

What arrangements are in place for managing performance of this priority?	Bi-annual report to WPEG and quarterly to Chief Housing Officers Group.
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ACTIVITY PLAN

Action	Who	Milestones / Success Measure	When	Resource Implications	Commentary
Each Affordable Group (AWAG) has its own action plan below are <u>some</u> of the common actions. Full action plans for each district are available.	District wide AWAG	Delivery of action plan	March 2010	Variable	
Deliver of training sessions on fuel poverty and referral scheme	AWAG	2 sessions per district	March 2010	Current sessions funded by LA's. Would like to train all health care workers but would have cost implications	Training sessions are updated in each action plan. Meeting held with Public health to look at additional training options
Information on Energy Efficiency/fuel poverty to be made easily accessible and ensure signposting is accurate and to the correct agency	AWAG	Referral scheme operates across districts to ensure vulnerable households are able to access funds for heating and insulation.	ongoing	Through LA's	All referrals made through AWAG process are monitored and recorded.
Develop relationship with GP surgeries – offering of advice at flue jab clinics	AWAG	2/3 clinics per district.	Sept/Oct	LA's	Opportunity to reach vulnerable households. Maybe more difficult to run this year due to swine flu
Advice surgeries for residents at risk of or experiencing fuel poverty	AWAG	Delivery within each district. Numbers helped	Dec – Jan/Feb	Dependent on LA	Offering 121 advice to residents looking at fuel bills etc – referrals to other agencies possible eg fire service, CAB etc

Maximise access to local & national grants through promotion & mail shots.	AWAG	Warm Front Mail shots to benefit households Events/promotions in areas highlighted through NI187 mailshot and Warmer Worcestershire	ongoing	Warm Front LA's utilising existing events	Reported in each action plan. Some LA are offering additional funding for vulnerable households and providing free insulation for over 60's. Schemes this year were/are in, Wyre Forest, Bromsgrove, Redditch, Worcester City.
Develop an Affordable Warmth Fact Sheet containing information on grants, tips on saving energy and keeping warm with contact numbers for advice and help.	AWAG	Development of generic leaflet plus local sheet with key contacts	September 09		Generic leaflet has been developed by Act on Energy for general use also pdf. Local factsheet is been completed by AWAG
Utilise the countywide Warmer Worcestershire thermal imaging project to target vulnerable households	AWAG and Warmer Worcestershire Group	Links to mailshots/events	March 2010	LA's and Partnership	Events have/are taking place across the county and individual districts are look are areas to target.
Switch it off Campaign	Links to NI186 plans	Through ni186 and Switch it Off Group	November 09		Lead is through county council – Heather Lammas