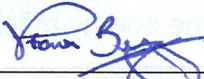


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ACTION	DETAILS	TIMING
i) LOCAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY AMBITIONS AND PRIORITIES		
Climate Local Commitment	We have signed the Climate Local Commitment (see www.bedford.gov.uk/sustainability).	26 Oct 12
	We will develop local commitments and actions for Climate Local.	Apr-13
Bedford Borough Carbon Emissions	Bedford Borough's current emission estimate is 5.9 tonnes of CO ₂ per capita (2.1 tonnes of CO ₂ is from domestic emissions) (<i>data from DECC – 'Emissions within the scope of influence of Local Authorities for 2005-2010': www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-authority-emissions-estimates</i>).	
	We will aim to reduce carbon emissions in the housing sector across Bedford Borough.	Mar-20
Fuel Poverty in Bedford Borough	It is estimated that 15.1% of Bedford Borough's households are fuel poor (<i>data from DECC – 'Fuel Poverty 2010: Sub Regional Data': www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-energy-climate-change/series/fuel-poverty-sub-regional-statistics</i>).	
	We will aim to reduce fuel poverty in Bedford Borough and will establish plans to work towards this aim.	Mar-16
Private Sector House Condition Survey 2011	The survey provides information about housing conditions in the wards of the Borough, including the levels of energy efficiency and fuel poverty.	2011
Housing Strategy 2012-17	One of the strategy's key objectives is to improve the fabric of the existing housing stock, in particular to improve energy efficiency, reducing the carbon footprint of the existing stock, increasing adaptability to climate change and reducing fuel poverty.	2012-2017
Bedford Borough's Health and Wellbeing Strategy	The strategy outlines the top priorities for improving the health and wellbeing of all people living in the Borough. One of the top strategic priorities is Priority 6: Wider Determinants of Health, and the Health and Wellbeing Board will seek to reduce the number of people living in fuel poverty.	2012/16
ii) MEASURES WE ARE TAKING TO RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS OF OUR RESIDENTIAL ACCOMODATION:		
Green Deal & Energy Company Obligation (ECO)	We will act as a Promoter of the Green Deal and Energy Company Obligation (ECO) to the private householders to increase the scheme's uptake and to encourage improvement in the energy efficiency of homes via awareness raising events and activities and the Council's website.	Ongoing
	We will work to ensure residents who are eligible for ECO Affordable Warmth are made aware and are referred to it for help to improve the efficiency of their properties.	Ongoing
	We will investigate the opportunities to work as a Partner to a Green Deal Provider to introduce retro-fit schemes, to increase the energy efficiency of the Borough's homes and encourage take-up of renewable energy.	Ongoing
	We will consider with Planning colleagues, the guidance that can be given in relation to the need for planning permission, when installing solid wall insulation.	Sept-13

Feed in Tariffs scheme	We will promote awareness of the carbon reduction and financial benefits of installing renewable energy generating technology to householders of the Borough, to increase the number of installations.	Ongoing
Renewable Heat Premium Payment	We will promote awareness of the carbon reduction and financial benefits of installing renewable energy generating technology to householders of the Borough, to increase the number of installations.	Ongoing
Zero Carbon Homes	To ensure all new built homes are zero carbon by 2016, the council will implement the emerging policy AD1 which will require new residential developments in the Borough (of 10 dwellings and over or on sites of 0.3 ha and over) to achieve zero regulated carbon emissions on-site or, if not feasible on-site, through a contribution to an offset fund.	2016
EPCs	We are establishing data on the energy efficiency rating of our residential accommodation.	Ongoing
Minimum standards in the private rental sector	We are working with our local private sector landlords through a proactive programme to support them to improve the energy efficiency standards of their properties.	Ongoing
Smart meters	We will promote the benefits of smart meters to residents of the Borough and encourage them to have them installed in their homes.	2014-2019
iii) MEASURES WE PROPOSE TO COST EFFECTIVELY DELIVER ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS IN RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION BY USING AREA BASED/ STREET BY STREET ROLL OUT:		
Energy Company Obligation (ECO) Carbon Saving Communities	We will work with local partners to identify, develop and roll-out an area-based energy efficiency measures scheme in the Borough.	Ongoing
iv) TIME FRAME FOR DELIVERY AND NATIONAL LOCAL PARTNERS		
Local Authorities and Housing Associations	We will work with local partners including Housing Associations and neighbouring Local Authorities to identify future potential projects to improve the energy efficiency of residential accommodation in the Borough.	Ongoing
Bedford Borough Health and Wellbeing Board	The Health and Wellbeing Board works in collaboration and through the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) to develop shared objectives that will exploit joint problem solving and decision making to address the key issues and priorities and deliver local health and social care economies of scale through effective partnership working.	2012/16

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