

Private Sector Housing Energy Efficiency Initiatives Update

September 2021

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- Approximately 50,000 residential properties
- Approximately 45,000 in the private sector
- 9,000 homes private rented sector (PRS)
- Private Sector Housing work to deal with poor housing conditions
- Promote energy efficiency in PRS and owner occupied homes
- Range of partnership initiatives

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- **Kent Wide Warm Homes Initiative**

- KCC partnership with districts
- Services delivered by Aran Services Ltd
- Funded through Energy Provider ECO levy funding
- Targeted at low income households
- People with long-term illnesses/disability
- Insulation
- Energy efficient boilers
- FHDC has assisted with targeting
- Approximately 70 households assisted since April

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- **Winter Warmth Grants**

- Targeted at vulnerable households
- Over 65 years of age
- Funding through the Better Care Initiative
- Aim to prevent hospital admission through ill health
- Measures on average £10K
- Insulation and energy efficient boilers
- Approximately 50 grants provided since 2015

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- **Disabled Facilities Grants**

- Grants of up to £30K to adapt the homes of vulnerable people/low incomes – assessment by OTA
- Enabling them to live independently in their homes
- Where energy efficiency shortfalls identified works are extended
- New insulation/energy efficient boilers
- 5-10 cases each year

- **Joint Working with Private Sector landlords**

- Awareness raising
- Sign posting
- Where necessary enforcement

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- **New Funding Streams – Local Authority Delivery Scheme 2**

- Government funding delivered through South East Energy Hub
- Works Contractor – Happy Energy (Private contractor)
- £350K targeted at F & H District
- Targeting low income households < £30K
- Landlords required to make a 30% contribution to any works
- Properties with an EPC of D and below
- Average spend per property £10K
- Working with Happy Energy to target low income households
- Non-zero carbon works – insulation/gas boilers
- Spend by 31 March 2022

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- Works to date energy efficiency given available funding
- LADS 3 due to be announced later this year
- Hopefully focus on Zero Carbon measures
- Air sources heat pumps in addition to insulation/Innovations
- Due to have a longer spending period
- More significant funding
- Ongoing internal working to respond to bidding opportunities
- Further support from South East Energy HUB
- Support from our in-house Carbon Advisor

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Any questions