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1/29/15-16	Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration & Business Development (Cllr Sitkin), Cabinet Member for Housing & Housing Regeneration (Cllr Oykenner) & Cabinet Member for Public Health & Sport (Cllr Keazor)	Wednesday 30 th September 2015	Part 1	Fuel Poverty Strategy & Action Plan	Key Decision KD 4164	All	Yes Tuesday 29 th September 2015	1

DECISIONS

For additional copies or further details please contact James Kinsella (020 8379 4041), Democratic Services Team.

CALL – IN UPDATE

Please note no Decisions have been called in for review from the following lists:

List No.27 Issued on Friday 11th September with a Call-In date of Friday 18th September 2015

LIST REFERENCE: 1/29/15-16

SUBJECT TITLE OF THE REPORT							
FUEL POVERTY STRATEGY & ACTION PLAN							
Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by decision	Decision taken by	Date Decision comes in to effect	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non- Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by
Part 1	All	Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration & Business Development (Cllr Sitkin), Cabinet Member for Housing & Housing Regeneration (Cllr Oykenner) and Cabinet Member for Public Health & Sport (Cllr Keazor)	Wednesday 30 th September 2015	None	Key Decision KD 4164	Liam Preston 020 8379 5760	Yes Tuesday 29 th September 2015
DECISION							
AGREED: subject to no call-in being received, the following decisions will come into effect on Wednesday 30 th September 2015:							
The Portfolio Holders to approve the 'Warmer Homes', the Fuel Poverty Strategy and Action Plan.							
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:							
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Sustainability Service considered tackling fuel poverty without a formal strategy or action plan. However, two large recent funding applications – British Gas Energy Trust & DECC's Central Heating Fund – have both required a demonstration of adherence to the aims of the National Fuel Poverty Strategy and/or the NICEA guidance on excess winter deaths and morbidity. It is reasonable to presume that this trend will continue. The NICE guidance on Excess Winter Deaths and Morbidity explicitly states that Local Authorities should have a Fuel Poverty Strategy and the National Fuel Poverty Strategy is clear that Local Authorities are a key delivery partner. Without a strategy and action plan it will be more difficult to demonstrate Enfield's compliance, which could negatively impact the chances of attracting external funding. 2. The Sustainability Service also considered limiting Enfield Council's involvement to the provision of support to third sector organisations already helping the fuel poor in the borough. However, the effects of fuel poverty are such that this stance was considered to be inconsistent with the Council's aims. Furthermore, as a housing provider and the enforcement body for housing standards within the borough, taking minimal action would have made it difficult for the Council to comply with the Private Rented Sector Energy Efficiency Regulations (2015) and for the borough to comply with the national fuel poverty target. The problem requires a central body to co-ordinate efforts to tackle fuel poverty in Enfield; this role is one for which the Council is well suited. 							

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Fuel poverty is a significant issue for Enfield, 12,927 households were affected in 2013. These figures were released in May 2015 and they indicated that fuel poverty had increased by 28.28% since 2012. As those on low incomes are subjected to ever greater financial pressure over the coming years, fuel poverty in the borough is likely to continue getting worse unless action is taken.
2. Tackling fuel poverty in Enfield will contribute towards the Council's efforts to reduce general poverty and will narrow inequality. It also corresponds closely to the Council's aims: Fairness for all, Growth & Sustainability and Strong Communities.
3. As a major social housing provider and the body responsible for enforcing housing standards, the Council is an ideal organisation to co-ordinate efforts to tackle fuel poverty in Enfield.
4. Adopting the Fuel Poverty Strategy and Action Plan will demonstrate the Council's commitment to tackling the issue which will have a positive impact on efforts to attract external funding.

BACKGROUND

Please note that a copy of the Part 1 report is available via the decision list link on the Council's democracy pages.