

## **ENERGY STRATEGY ACTION PLAN**

The revised Strategy and Action Plan was approved at Housing Committee in March 2017. This paper provides an update on the work which has taken place to date in order to deliver the outcomes of the Action Plan.

Progress has been steady, without dynamism due to a lack of resource within this part of the business unit. Information relating to this has been provided at previous Committee meetings.

A number of the measures highlighted below may effect more than one outcome but for ease they have been included where they effect the primary objective.

### **Objectives**

#### **1. Reduce Condensation and Mould Growth**

- Damp and Mould Policy revised and formally adopted at September 2017 HC
- Two (2) Positive Input Ventilation units installed
- Two hundred and forty seven (247) new extractor fans installed

#### **2. Increase Average SAP Rating of SDC Stock**

- Three (3) Commercial boiler systems servicing over one hundred dwelling have been upgraded in year
- One hundred and eighty two (182) properties will have had a new central heating systems or new boiler installed by year end
- One hundred (100) properties will have received new windows by the end of the financial year
- Four hundred and ninety six (496) properties will benefit from a new thermally efficient composite door by year end
- Sixteen (16) properties will have received external insulation by year end
- The average sap across the stock is 61 (D)with the lowest being 20 (G) and the highest being 91(B)

#### **3. Training and education for Colleagues and Customers**

- Regular self help articles have been included in keynotes, social media, and the Councils website
- Frontline staff have undergone damp and mould diagnostic training
- A repairs diagnostic tool is now used to help repair takers identify problems correctly

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- SWEA Warm and Well engaged to provide independent advice to tenants
- 4. Maximise Funding Opportunities for the HRA**
    - Warm and Well fund accessed for central heating
    - ECO2 Funding being accessed for External Wall Insulation
  - 5. Implement an Energy Benchmarking Accreditation System**
    - Yet to be actioned
  - 6. Identify New Technologies/Opportunities that can be Implemented Cost Effectively**
    - New CHP unit installed at Dryleaze House, providing heating, hot water, and electric to communal areas
    - Meetings scheduled with GCHP to evaluate shared visions, and potential organisational benefits County wide
  - 7. Develop An Affordable Warmth Strategy**
    - Yet to be actioned
  - 8. Promote Health and Wellbeing**
    - Strategy to be developed once a new project lead has been appointed
  - 9. Co-ordinate Across SDC to ensure Joint Working**
    - This is taking place in isolated instances where works directly effect those departments.
    - Communications Strategy to be developed once a new project lead has been appointed
  - 10. Adopt the Passivhaus Standard into New Build and Investigate Integration into Retrofit**
    - No opportunities available to date