Introduction

# The Home Energy Conservation Act 1995 (‘HECA’) requires all 326 local authorities (‘LA’s) in England to submit reports to the Secretary of State demonstrating what energy conservation measures they have adopted to improve the energy efficiency of residential accommodation within that LA’s area. This covers measures to improve properties in the owner-occupier, private rented sector, and social rented sector. BEIS uses data submitted through LAs HECA returns to inform policy thinking on energy efficiency, and to build an ongoing picture of local and national energy efficiency policy delivery. The Guidance to English Energy Conservation Authorities: the Home Energy Conservation Act 1995 can be found via the link

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-english-energy-conservation-authorities-the-home-energy-conservation-act-1995>

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| Name of Local Authority **Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council** | | | | | | |
| Type of Local Authority:   * • District/Borough/City Council * • County Council      * • Unitary Authority      * • London Borough      * • Metropolitan Borough Y | | | | | | |
| Name and contact details of official submitting the report: **Paul Maplethorpe** | | | | | | |
| Job title of official submitting the report: **Domestic Energy Officer** | | | | | | |
| Names of teams working on policy areas covered by this reporting tool:  **Asset Management Service.**  **Housing Assets, Investment & Compliance**  **Private Sector Housing Co-ordinator Strategic Housing & Development Service**  **Stock Investment Coordinator** | | | | | | |
| Total number of staff working in above policy areas (by FTE) broken down by team if possible:  1 | | | | | | |
| **Headline and Overview Questions** | | | | | | |
| 1 | | | Does your Local Authority have a current strategy on carbon reduction and/or energy efficiency for domestic or non-domestic properties?  HRA Stock - No | |  | |
| 2 | | | If yes, please provide a link to your current strategy here: | |  | |
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| 3 | | | If no, are you planning to develop one?  HRA Stock – Yes in conjunction with Asset Management Plan review during 2019, a section will be dedicated to energy efficiency. | |  | |
| 4 | | | a. What scheme(s) has your local authority implemented in support of energy saving/carbon reduction in residential accommodation (such as  Owner-occupied, privately rented and social housing) or non-domestic properties since 2017? (if you have not implemented any scheme, please enter ‘N/A’) | |  | |
| *Free text response to question 4a - please outline in no more than 200 words*  HRA Stock – as part of continued investment in the housing stock the following energy efficiency measures have been delivered since the beginning of 2017;   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Air Source Heat Pump | 2 | | Boiler (Gas) | 1840 | | Loft Insulation - 300+mm | 471 | | Wall Insulation - External | 71 | | Wall Insulation - Cavity Filled | 325 |   Private  ‘Feeling Fine in Rotherham’ The Energy Company Obligation (ECO) the obligation on energy suppliers aimed at helping households cut their energy bills and reduce carbon emissions by installing energy saving measures  Owner-occupied, privately rented: Including Insulation of cavity wall Loft and heating installations or upgrade.    Social housing.  Upgrade (renew) Cavity wall insulation to a Rotherham Housing estate  Thermal imaging to identify insulation works  Cavity wall insulation of meadow bank estate Rotherham  Replace two solid fuel heating units to air source heating alleviation fuel poverty in off gas area | | | | | | |
|  | | | b. What scheme(s) is your local authority planning to implement in support of energy saving/carbon reduction in residential accommodation (such as owner-occupied, privately rented and social housing) or non-domestic properties in the next two years? (if you are not planning to implement any scheme, please enter ‘N/A’) | |  | |
| *Free text response to question 4b - please outline in no more than 200 words*  HRA Stock – We do not have any standalone energy efficiency programmes as we deliver this type of investment in conjunction with other works i.e. loft and cavity wall insulation in conjunction with external works to properties; and boiler replacements as part of internal works to ensure RMBC’s housing stock continues to meet the Decent Homes Standard. Therefore at this point in time we cannot provide definitive answers as to what elements will be delivered when.  Private ‘Feeling Fine in Rotherham’ The Energy Company Obligation (ECO) the obligation on energy suppliers aimed at helping households cut their energy bills and reduce carbon emissions by installing energy saving measures as above  Introduction of Community energy switching scheme post July 2019 | | | | | | |
| 5 | | | What has been, or will be, the cost(s) of running and administering the scheme(s), such as the value of grants and other support made available, plus any other costs incurred (such as administration) as desired? Please provide figures and a brief narrative account if desired. | |  | |
| *Free text response to question 5 - please outline in no more than 100 words*  HRA Stock – This information is not recorded.  ‘private Feeling Fine in Rotherham’ The Energy Company Obligation (ECO) is energy supply funded  Community energy switching scheme post July 2019 figures yet to be determined | | | | | | |
| 6 | | | What businesses, charities, third sector organisations or other stakeholders do you work with to deliver the scheme(s)? | |  | |
| *Free text response to question 6 - please outline in no more than 100 words*  HRA Stock – Stakeholder consultation is an integral part of the investment process whilst developing and delivering investment programmes but we do not currently work with stakeholders to deliver physical works onsite.  owner-occupied, privately rented Feeling Fine in Rotherham  NAS (needs, Advice & support) Rotherham & Sheffield Home Improvement Agencies Yorkshire Housing. Gas safe hardship scheme which they administer  Age uk Rotherham referral network | | | | | | |
| 7 | | | What has been the outcome of the scheme(s) (e.g. energy savings, carbon savings, economic impacts such as job creation and/or increased business competitiveness, societal impacts such as alleviation of fuel poverty and/or improved health outcomes etc.)?  This does not have to be measured against national data or benchmarks, but rather focuses on the local authority’s own monitoring and evaluation. | | | |
| Free text response to question 7 - please outline in no more than 200 words  HRA Stock – This information is not captured.  Private This information is not captured. | | | | | | |
| 8 | | | What lessons have you learned from delivering this scheme(s)? | | | |
| Free text response to question 8 - please outline in no more than 100 words  HRA Stock – N/A | | | | | | |
| **Local Communications Strategy** | | | | | | |
| 9 | | | Does your local authority provide any advisory service to consumers (and businesses) on how to save energy?  HRA Stock – Y regular advice in tenant’s newsletter and one to one advice as an when required.  Private over the phone advise with occasional visits | Y/N | | |
| 10 | | | If yes to question 10, please briefly outline how this is undertaken (or enter ‘N/A’ if appropriate) | | | |
| *Free text response to question 10 - please outline in no more than 100 words*  *N/A* | | | | | | |
| 11 | | | How do you communicate or encourage energy saving amongst domestic consumers and/or local businesses? (if you do not, please enter ‘N/A’ and move on to the next section ‘Local Green Supply Chains’) | | | |
| *Free text response to question 11 - please outline in no more than 100 words*  HRA Stock – N/A | | | | | | |
| **Local Green Supply Chains** | | | | | | |
| 12 | | | Does your Local Authority promote the use of energy efficient products amongst consumers (and businesses)? (if you answer no please move onto the next section ‘Private Rented Sector’)  HRA Stock – No  Private No | | | |
| 13 | | | If yes to question 12, please briefly detail how this promotion work is undertaken. | | | |
| Free text response to question 12 - please outline in no more than 100 words | | | | | | |
| 14 | | | What engagement (formal or informal) does your local authority have with local businesses/supply chains involved in promoting energy efficiency products or carbon reduction? | | | |
| Free text response to question 14 - please outline in no more than 100 words  *N/A* | | | | | | |
| **Domestic Private Rented Sector (PRS) Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards** | | | | | | |
| The Minimum Energy Efficiency Regulations (the Regulations) apply to all privately rented properties in England and Wales. As of April 2018, all such properties are legally required to have an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) of at least an E before they can be let on a new tenancy. These requirements will then extend to all such properties by 1 April 2020, even if there has been no change in tenant or tenancy (please see BEIS’s published guidance documents for the full details on the standard).  The PRS Regulations give enforcement powers to local authorities, and authorities are responsible for ensuring landlord compliance within their area. | | | | | | |
| 15 | Is your authority aware of the PRS Minimum Efficiency Standards which came into force in April 2018? (if you answered no, please move on to the next section ‘Financial Support for Energy Efficiency’)  Yes. | | | | | |
| *16* | Which team within your authority is responsible for, or will be responsible for, leading on enforcement of the PRS minimum standard? | | | | | |
| Free text response to question 16  Community Protection Unit, Regulation & Enforcement, Community Safety and Street Scene, Regeneration and Environment Directorate | | | | | | |
| 17 | Please provide the contact details of the person leading this team. | | | | | |
| *Free text response to question 17*  Lewis Coates,  Head of Service,  Regulation and Enforcement,  Community Safety and Street Scene,  Regeneration and Environment Directorate | | | | | | |
| 18 | What method or methods does your authority use to communicate with landlords and tenants about the standards and other related issues? | | | | | |
| *Free text response to question 18 - please outline in no more than 100 words*  Presentations at landlord forums, e-mail communication and letters/enforcement activity targeting owners of F & G rated properties | | | | | | |
| 19 | Do you directly target landlords of EPC F and G rated properties?  If yes, how? If no, please explain. | | | (Y/N) | | |
| *Free text response to question 19 - please outline in no more than 100 words*  Rotherham Council’s selective licensing scheme requests that, as part of the necessary documentation, landlords are required to provide a copy of the properties EPC. Those landlords with F & G rated properties are informed of the PRS MEES and the implications of not improving the thermal efficiency of their rented property to at least an E rating. A revised EPC is requested, to prove that the improvements have been made, and if not proven enforcement proceedings are carried out.  Where private rented properties are located outside of the designated selective licensing areas, the Council have commissioned a private sector stock condition model, which will identify potential private rented properties with an F or G rating. Targeted activity, consisting of establishing whether the property is privately rented or not, to identify the landlord and enable the process of informing, improving and, if necessary, carrying out enforcement action. | | | | | | |
| **Financial Support for Energy Efficiency** | | | | | | |
| 20 | What financial programmes, if any, do you have to promote domestic and non-domestic energy efficiency or energy saving? If applicable, please outline the sums, where such funding is sourced, and where it is targeted.  (If you do not have any financial assistance programmes, please enter ‘N/A’ and move onto the next section ‘Fuel Poverty’) | | | | | |
| *Free text response to question 20 - please outline in no more than 200 words*  N/A  **Fuel Poverty** | | | | | | |
| .  21 | Does your local authority have a fuel poverty strategy?  If yes, please describe the scope of the strategy, and the support that is available for low income and vulnerable households to help tackle fuel poverty in your local area. Please also provide a link to your strategy if published | | | | | |
| *Free text response to question 21 - please outline in no more than 300 words*  *Public Health fuel poverty strategy* | | | | | | |
| *22* | What steps have you taken to identify residents/properties in fuel poverty? (enter ‘N/A’ if not appropriate) | | | | | |
| *Free text response to question 22 - please outline in no more than 200 words*  The Council’s Private Sector stock condition model has identified the location, down to census output area (COA), of fuel poor households. | | | | | | |
| *23* | How does fuel poverty interlink with your local authority’s overall carbon reduction strategy? (enter ‘N/A’ if not appropriate) | | | | | |
| *Free text response to question 23 - please outline in no more than 200 words*  Reference: Community Energy Switching Scheme. | | | | | | |
| *24* | a. What measures or initiatives have you taken to promote fuel cost reduction for those in fuel poverty? (enter ‘N/A’ if not appropriate) | | | | | |
| *Free text response to question 24a - please outline in no more than 200 words*  Community Energy Switching Scheme | | | | | | |
| b. If you have taken measures or initiatives to promote fuel cost reduction for those in fuel poverty, what partnership with business or energy providers have you undertaken? (enter ‘N/A’ if not appropriate) | | | | | | |
| *Free text response to question 24a - please outline in no more than 200 words* | | | | | | |
| **The Energy Company Obligation** | | | | | | |
| The Energy Company Obligation (ECO) is an obligation on energy suppliers aimed at helping households cut their energy bills and reduce carbon emissions by installing energy saving measures. Following the Spring 2018 consultation, the Government set out in its response that ECO3 will fully focus on Affordable Warmth – low income, vulnerable and fuel poor households.  The recently introduced ECO “flexible eligibility” (ECO Flex) programme allows LAs to make declarations determining that certain households in fuel poverty or with occupants on low incomes and vulnerable to the effects of cold homes, are referred to ECO obligated suppliers for support under the Affordable Warmth element of ECO. LAs involved are required to issue a Statement of Intent that they are going to identify households as eligible, and the criteria they are going to use; and a declaration that the LA has been consulted on the installation of measures in a home. | | | | | | |
| 25 | Has your local authority published a Statement of Intent (SoI) for ECO flexibility eligibility?  If yes, please include a link to your SoI below. | | | | | (Y/N) |
| Link to SoI:  <http://www.rotherham.gov.uk/downloads/download/56/energy_and_climate_change> | | | | | | |
| 26 | Please use the following space to provide any further information you feel might be of benefit to BEIS, in helping us to understand ECO Flex delivery in more detail. For example, the number of declarations signed versus the number of households helped. | | | | | |
| Free text response to question 26 - please outline in no more than 200 words | | | | | | |
| **Smart Metering** | | | | | | |
| 27 | Please provide a brief statement outlining your current or planned approach to:  Engage and support your residents (including those in vulnerable circumstances or with pre-payment metering) to promote take up of smart meters and achieve associated benefits (e.g. ability to control energy use,  With local/community groups, housing associations, micro businesses, Smart Energy GB under their Partnership Programme and energy suppliers. | | | | | |
| *Free text response to question 27 – please outline in no more than 150 words.*  The proposed community energy switching scheme has within its specification that smart meters will be fitted to each and every property with the proviso that training on the operation of meter is undertaken. And at the eliest op Understanding heating controls which has far more benefits than any other technologies is also given a priority | | | | | | |
| 28 | | Please provide a brief statement outlining your current or planned approach to:    Integrate your approaches to delivering energy efficiency improvements in residential accommodation with the opportunities presented by the installation of smart meters, drawing upon materials from the Smart Meter Energy Efficiency Materials Project or other sources of independent information. | | | | |
| *Free text response to question 28 – please outline in no more than 150 words.* | | | | | | |
| 29 | | Please detail any:  Resources/ support (e.g. services, funding) available to residents who have had an appliance(s) condemned for safety reasons and cannot afford to replace it (e.g. during visual safety checks conducted during their smart meter installation or otherwise). | | | | |
| *Free text response to question 29 – please outline in no more than 150 words.*  N/A | | | | | | |
| 30 | | Please detail any:  Existing relationships with energy suppliers to help ensure that the opportunities presented by vacant properties under your control are effectively utilised (i.e. gaining access to install a smart meter). | | | | |
| *Free text response to question 30 – please outline in no more than 150 words.*  N/A | | | | | | |
| **Future Schemes or Wider Initiatives** | | | | | | |
| 31 | | Please outline any future schemes or wider initiatives not covered above that your local authority has carried out or is planning to undertake to improve the energy efficiency of residential accommodation or businesses in your area, for example, within your Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Energy Strategy (if you do not plan any future schemes currently, please enter ‘N/A’). | | | | |
| *Free text response to question 31 - please outline in no more than 500 words* | | | | | | |

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