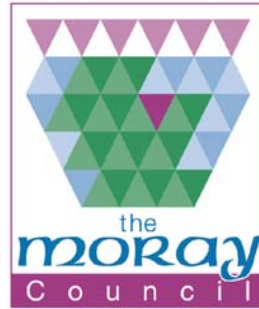


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APPENDIX 1



Interim Local Housing Strategy 2010 – 2013

Action Plan

Fuel Poverty

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Strategic Themes

1. Intelligence - ascertain the nature and extent
2. Awareness Raising and Training
3. Energy efficiency of the housing stock
4. Fuel costs and Income Maximisation

The time-scales used in the Action Plan are as follows:

Short: 0-1 year

Medium: 1-2 years

Long: 2-5 years

Ongoing

If a task is described as “medium” it is likely to commence up to a year into the Action Plan and will take up to two full years from April 2009 to complete. “Ongoing” refers to a task that will continue throughout the period of the Action Plan and beyond.

Objectives	Associated tasks	Partners	Time scale	Outcome
STRATEGIC THEME 1: ASCERTAIN THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF FUEL POVERTY IN MORAY				
OUTCOME: MORAY COUNCIL WILL HAVE ACCURATE INTELLIGENCE TO BASE STRATEGIC DECISIONS ON				
1A	Use Moray's Fuel Poverty Indicator to identify target areas for publicity measures, mailings etc.	TMC Housing, SCARF	Short/ Medium	
1B	Undertake further research to fill any identified information gaps	TMC Housing, SCARF	Short/ Medium	
1C	Agree an Equality Impact Assessment on Moray's Fuel Poverty Strategy.			

Objectives	Associated tasks	Partners	Time scale	Outcome	
STRATEGIC THEME 2: RAISE AWARENESS OF FUEL POVERTY OUTCOME: ALL HOUSEHOLDERS IN MORAY WILL HAVE ACCESS TO FREE, CONFIDENTIAL, ACCURATE AND IMPARTIAL ADVICE ON FUEL POVERTY ISSUES.					
2A	Continue to deliver staff training across all agencies likely to be in contact with those in fuel poverty in energy awareness and basic energy information.	Provide training packages to all agencies servicing the community Raise awareness throughout partner agencies of the existence and symptoms of fuel poverty along with its adverse effects	MEEAP	Short	
2B	Create RSL tenant 'energy champions'	Investigate the feasibility of such a scheme Make decision after feasibility study	TMC Housing, RSL and TMC Tenants groups, MEEAP	Short Medium	
2C	Continue the existing energy efficiency and advice provision in Moray through MEEAP.		MEEAP, TMC Housing	Ongoing	
2D	Co-ordinate a Fuel Cost Awareness campaign involving a range of agencies		MEEAP, TMC Housing, MHSCP, Local area forums	Long	

Objectives		Associated tasks	Partners	Time scale	Outcome
2E	Ensure that all information and advice is accessible and understandable to all groups	Create one document that provides all the relevant material	SCARF, MEEAP, TMC Housing, Moray Health and Social Care Partnership, Local area forums	Medium	
		Make this one document available in various formats	SCARF, MEEAP, TMC Housing, Moray Health and Social Care Partnership, Local area forums	See EIA	
		Continue to deliver 'roadshow' events in rural areas	SCARF		
2F	Raise awareness of householders of the help available to support the achievement affordable warmth throughout partner agencies	Distribute information leaflets through Council Access points, schools, community centres etc	SCARF, MEEAP, TMC Housing, Moray Health and Social Care Partnership, Local area forums	Medium	
		Maintain up to date fuel poverty advice on the Council website		Annual	
2G	Maximise the uptake of energy efficiency improvements and central heating installations in the owner/occupier sector	Continue to support and develop the Moray Energy Advice Project	TMC Housing and SCARF	Long	

Objectives		Associated tasks	Partners	Time scale	Outcome
2H	Provide advice to all households whose property may have a low NHER rating	Use data from the Scottish house condition survey, HECA spreadsheet and utility providers to identify properties that have NHER rating of below 4	TMC Housing, Utilities representatives	Medium	
2I	Support work undertaken by private sector landlords in relation to any accreditation schemes	Liaise with Private Landlord Registration re dissemination of information	TMC Housing, Private Landlords Registration	Short/ Medium	
STRATEGIC THEME 3: DEVELOP PROGRAMMES WHICH AIM TO IMPROVE THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY OF ALL HOUSING STOCK IN MORAY					
OUTCOME: MORAY CITIZENS LIVE IN WELL INSULATED HOMES, FITTED WITH FUEL EFFICIENT HEATING SYSTEMS					
3A	Continue with programme of upgrades to Hard to Treat properties		TMC Housing, SCARF		
3B	Ensure that all social housing in Moray complies with the energy efficiency criteria of the Scottish Standard for Social Housing by 2014	Review milestones in the Council's Standard Delivery Plan.	TMC Housing and RSLs	Short	
3C	Implement a prioritised programme of fitting overbath showers to Moray Council properties.		TMC Housing	2010/11	

Objectives		Associated tasks	Partners	Time scale	Outcome
3D	Promote the use of renewable energy installations and take up of grants across all tenures.	All agencies to promote the funding available to home owners for renewable technologies.	TMC Housing Care and Repair, SCARF, Scottish Gov, RSLs and TMC Housing	Ongoing	
		Continue to work with the Scottish Government to provide renewable energy within the social rented sector			
		Review the effectiveness of installation of renewable energy from a tenants perspective.	TMC Housing		
STRATEGIC THEME 4: PROMOTE FUEL COST OPTIONS AND INCOME MAXIMISATION					
OUTCOME: ALL HOUSEHOLDS IN MORAY WILL HAVE ACCESS TO FREE, CONFIDENTIAL, ACCURATE AND IMPARTIAL ADVICE ON INCOME AND FUEL COST ISSUES.					
4A	Support SCARFs Cosy Homes Project referral project	Evaluate the success of the pilot	SCARF, MEEAP		
4B	Raise awareness of the opportunities to be gained by householders from deregulation of the energy market			Long/ Ongoing	
4C	Promote financial inclusion initiatives making lower fuel costs accessible to all householders	Promote existing financial inclusion initiative to other housing providers	GHA, MEEAP, TMC Housing, other RSLs	Short/ Medium	

Objectives	Associated tasks	Partners	Time scale	Outcome
4D Support any further developments of the welfare benefits service.		TMC Welfare Benefits, SCARF	Medium	