

Home Energy Conservation Act (HECA) 2023

Staffordshire Moorlands District Council

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Introductory Questions

Name of Local Authority Staffordshire Moorlands District Council

Type of Local Authority District

Name, job title and email address of official submitting report

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Headline and Overview

Q1 Does your Local Authority have a current strategy on carbon reduction and/or energy efficiency for domestic or non-domestic properties?

Yes this is included in our Climate Change Plan

Q2 If yes, please provide a link: [Towards Carbon Neutrality. 2030 Climate Change Plan](#)

Q3. If no, are you planning to develop one, and in what timeframe?

N/A

Q4. In the last 2 years, what has been the cost (or estimated cost) of your energy efficiency and/or carbon reduction initiatives, schemes and services? Please consider the total cost of running and administering the scheme(s). Please input 0 if no schemes or initiatives has been implemented.

Not including capital and partner administration costs estimate 1 FTE collectively estimate £50k

Q5. Which, if any, of the following outcomes have been achieved through your energy efficiency and/or carbon initiatives, schemes and services? All of the below

- Energy Saving
- Carbon Savings
- Job Creation
- Alleviation of Fuel Poverty
- Improved Health Outcomes

Consumer Advice and Information

Q6. Do you provide or promote any advisory services to consumers on how to save energy?

Yes

Q7. If yes, list means

- Local Authority website
- Local advisory service
- Leaflets
- Social media
- Local energy hubs
- Other attending events, supporting community groups to refer to advice.

Local Retrofit Supply Chain

Q8. Have you conducted any assessment or analysis to understand the existing capacity in your local supply chain to support the decarbonisation of buildings by 2050?

No but we are working with other authorities on developing a programme to do this.

Local Government Association Retrofit Action Planning Programme looked at programme planning

We worked with Derbyshire County Council on their Case Study [Decarbonising Derbyshire's Housing | Local Government Association](#)

High Peak and Staffordshire Moorlands Action Plan Case Study [High Peak and Staffordshire Moorlands Action Plan | Local Government Association](#)

Q9. If you answered yes to question 8, please summarise any specific bottlenecks (or provide a link if this information has been published).

N/A

Q10. Which, if any, of the following actions are you taking to upskill and/or grow your local retrofit installer supply chain? Please select all that apply

Working with other authorities and the Midlands Net Zero Hub.

Q11. Do you provide advice for your residents and small businesses about how to pick an installer business or how to avoid being mis-sold inappropriate improvements?

Yes

Q12. Has there been any Trading Standards activity against energy efficiency or home retrofit businesses in your area due to mis-selling or otherwise poorly advising consumers about retrofit measures?

No – we are not aware of any issues

Q13. If you received funding under Local Authority Delivery, Home Upgrade Grant or Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund, did availability of PAS 2030:2019 or MCS certified and TrustMark registered supply chain affect your ability to deliver?

Yes for Conservation Areas

Q14. If you answered yes to question 13 please can you tell us, which parts of the supply chain were particularly affected (please select all that apply)?

Specific requirements of conservation areas on PAS 2030 and 2035

Q15. If you answered yes to question 13 please can you tell us, what actions did you take to overcome those barriers (please select all that apply)?

Using a main contractor and requiring them to source suitably certified supply chain (either through contracting or training up their own staff)

Social Housing Decarbonisation

Q16. Did you apply to the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund (SHDF) Wave 2.1?

No

Q17. Which, if any, of the following motivated you to apply for SHDF Wave 2.1? Please select all that apply.

N/A

Q18. Which, if any, of the following barriers prevented you from applying to SHDF Wave 2.1?

No housing stock t enough capability

Q19, Have you carried out/planned to carry out any retrofit work in absence of SHDF funding?

N/A

Q20. If yes, how is this funded/how would this be funded?

N/A

Q21. If no, what is/are the main reason(s) for not planning to carry out any retrofit work?

N/A

Q22. How many of your social housing partners are you aware applied for the SHDF?

N/A

Energy Efficiency Standards (MEES) Regulations

Q23. Do you enforce the PRS MEES Regulations in domestic tenancies?

Yes

Q24. Do you use the PRS MEES Exemption Register?

Yes

Q25. Are you aware of the PRS MEES draft toolkit for supporting local authorities?

Yes, and I've used it

Q26. In the past 2 years, how many domestic private rented properties have you engaged with in respect to enforcement of the PRS MEES Regulations?

7

Q27. In the past 2 years, how many domestic private rented properties have you found to be non-compliant?

1

Q28. In the last 2 years, how many non-compliant properties have been improved to EPC Band E after you have engaged with them?

1

Q29. How many compliance notices have you issued in the past 2 years for non-compliance of the PRS MEES Regulations?

0

Green Home Finance

Q30. What programmes, if any, do you have to promote domestic energy efficiency improvements for those who are able to pay? Please provide links to any relevant online materials.

Work with community groups to promote.

Q31. Do you take any steps to raise awareness of the availability of private financing options (such as green mortgages) to fund retrofit works?

No, but we have plans to do this in the future

Q32. Do you refer homeowners interested in energy efficiency to retail lenders offering green finance products?

No, but we have plans to do this in the future

Fuel Poverty

Q33. Does your Local Authority have a Fuel Poverty Strategy?

No

Q34 How do you identify fuel poor households? Please select all that apply and provide additional information if possible.

- Used local data sets on energy efficiency/housing [Use Low Energy Efficiency LILEE indicator](#)
- Used local data sets on household income [Fuel poverty statistics - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- Campaigns to encourage potential households to reach out
- Links to partners to refer to energy advice service and Fuel Bank

Q35. What actions are you taking to reduce fuel poverty in your area? Please select all that apply and provide additional information if possible.

- Delivery of government wide schemes such as the Home Upgrade Grant or Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund.
- Actions to increase financial support to low income or vulnerable households.
- Other Set up [Cost of Living Hub - Staffordshire Moorlands District Council](#)
- Fuel Bank
- [Staffordshire Warmer Homes - Warm Homes Scheme](#)
- Energy and debt advice service [Beat the Cold - Staffordshire Moorlands District Council](#)

Q36. Does fuel poverty interlink with your local authority's overall Carbon Reduction Strategy?

• Yes

• If yes, please can you explain how it does this?

Section How we Live. [Towards Carbon Neutrality. 2030 Climate Change Plan](#)

Local Authority Delivery

Q37. If your local authority did not apply for funding from the Local Authority Delivery scheme, please indicate which barrier(s) prevented you from applying.

This is managed through Staffordshire Warmer Homes [Staffordshire Warmer Homes - Warm Homes Scheme](#)

Q38. Does your local authority have access to good quality housing data for on-gas properties?

No

Q39. If no, please specify what is lacking.

Capacity to analyse data sources. EPC confidence. Stock Condition Survey is out of date.

Home Upgrade Grant

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The Energy Company Obligation (ECO)

Q43. Did your local authority have a published Statement of Intent (Sol) for ECO flexibility eligibility under ECO3, during 2022?

Yes

Please answer the following questions to help us to understand LA Flex delivery in more detail during the course of 2022:

Q44. How many declarations were issued for low-income vulnerable households during ECO3?

18

Q45. How many declarations were issued for Fuel Poor households under ECO3?

Data not available

Q46. How many declarations were issued for in-fill under ECO3?

Data not available

Q47. What was the highest income cap published in your Sol?

Data not available

Q48. If you have used an income over £30k gross, what reason did you give?

N/A

Q49. Did you charge for declarations to be signed?

No

Q 50. If so, please state how much and how you decided on this figure.

N/A

Q51. ECO4 commenced in July 2022, has your local authority published a Statement of Intent (Sol) for ECO flexibility eligibility under ECO4?

Yes

Q52. If 'No' are there any specific barriers preventing you, from publishing and participating in the scheme?

N/A

Q53a. Do you directly engage with energy suppliers either for ECO Flex or other domestic energy efficiency schemes?

No

54b. If yes, please provide the name of the scheme and indicate whether this is an LA, Supplier, DESNZ or other organisational run scheme (please specify)

N/A

Q55. Which route(s) do you envisage submitting referrals through under ECO4 Flex?

- Route 1
- Route 3

Smart Metering

The following questions refer to smart metering advice. Please provide any additional details where possible.

Q56a. Do you provide smart metering advice when implementing energy efficiency improvements (including through grant schemes such as the Energy Company Obligation and the Home Upgrade Grant) in residential accommodation?

No

Q57b. If no, please explain why not, and what plans will be put in place to implement this.

Work completed by third parties. Householders would be adviser of best metering options to suit technology.

Q58a. Do you encourage landlords to promote smart meter uptake, e.g., landlord licencing schemes.

No

Q59b. If no, please explain why not, and what plans will be put in place to implement this.

No direct contact with householders. As part of the energy advice from our partners, smart meters may be explored if suitable with reference to accessing best tariffs.

Q60a. Do you arrange for smart meters to be installed by energy suppliers in vacant social housing premises?

No

Q61b. If no, please explain why not, and what plans will be put in place to implement this.

No Housing Stock