

Home Energy Conservation Act 2023 Report



North
Tyneside
Council

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Review of spending period 01/04/2021 – 31/03/2023

Introductory Questions

1. Name of Local Authority

North Tyneside Council

2. Type of Local Authority

Metropolitan

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

- Yes

4. If yes, please provide a link.

<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/1670/carbon-net-zero-2030>

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

Yes, within 3 years +

6. 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.

Schemes implemented across the council are outlined in the Carbon Net-Zero 2030 Action Plan and are covered in different budgets within the council's spend. The costs do not reflect one discrete workstream as action to tackle climate

change is embedded within projects and decision making across the council's service.

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

Please select all that apply.

- Energy savings
- Carbon savings
- Job creation
- Alleviation of fuel poverty
- Improved health outcomes

Consumer Advice and Information

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

- Yes

9. If yes, please select all that apply

- Local Authority website
- Social media
- Local Energy Hubs

Officer Advice, As part of any referrals that we make to Citizens Advice, Citizens Advice would look at residents situation holistically and provide energy advice if it was required. Warm Welcome Schemes are running across North Tyneside in all of our customer first and libraries, 29 VCSE venues and 9 schools. There have been over 4000 visits to Warm Welcomes since 13th November 2023, to support residents to provide warm space for up to 4 hours to avoid using their own heating.

Local Retrofit Supply Chain

10. *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

11. *Which, if any, of the following actions are you taking to upskill and/or grow your local retrofit installer supply chain?*

Providing installer networking opportunities or other business support for growing companies.

12. 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?

- No

13. 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

14. 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?

- No

Social Housing Decarbonisation

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

- Yes, and successful in securing funding

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

- Financial support for retrofit
- Tenant needs

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

0

Domestic Private Rented Sector (PRS) Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards (MEES) Regulations

18. Do you enforce the PRS MEES Regulations in domestic tenancies

- Yes

19. Do you use the PRS MEES Exemption Register?

- No

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

- No

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

Please enter the amount /estimated amount.

None

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

Please enter the amount /estimated amount.

None

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

Please enter the amount /estimated amount.

None

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

Please enter the amount /estimated amount.

None

Green Home Finance

25. 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.

Project underway with our regional partners to develop a "One Stop Shop" to support homeowners in improving the energy efficiency of their homes.

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

- No

27. If yes, please include links to any relevant online materials.

Enter your answer

28. 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

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

- No

30. 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
- Used local data sets on household income
- Campaigns to encourage potential households to reach out

31. 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

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

- Yes

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

This is explained in the council's Carbon Net-Zero 2030 Action Plan.

Local Authority Delivery

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

- Yes

Home Upgrade Grant

35. *Does your local authority have access to good quality housing data for off-gas properties?*

- Yes

The Energy Company Obligation (ECO)

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

- Yes

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

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

1

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

0

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

0

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

£30,000

41. Did you charge for declarations to be signed?

- No

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

- Yes

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

- No

44. Which route(s) do you envisage submitting referrals through under EC04 Flex? Select all that apply

- Route 1
- Route 3

Smart Metering

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

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?

- Yes

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

- No

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

- No

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

Recently we have signed a contract as part of the void care package from energy suppliers to install smart meters in our void properties.

