

APPENDIX 2: Programme of Work 2016/18 for the Bradford District Fuel Poverty Framework for Action

Activity / Action	Detailed milestones	Milestone dates	Lead officer & partners	Resources
Consider the potential for community engagement in the development of a regional municipal energy scheme to supply affordable energy to citizens	Talks with Leeds Council to progress joining the White Rose ESCo	December 2016	Lead Richard Williamson / Pete Betts / Neill Morrison	ECCU ESCO & DHN development & feasibility fund, (£60,000)
	Investigate alternative proposals with the WPO	December 2016	Partners Leeds Council WHHP partnership Utility suppliers	
Develop and co-ordinate emergency & practical support to address the needs of people in crisis in line with cold weather planning guidance	Review outcomes of 2015-16 WHHP programme	September 2016	Lead Sarah Possingham	
	Identify potential funding opportunities from a variety of sources – develop a partnership based approach to securing funding	March 2017	Partners WHHP partnership group Inspired Neighbourhoods First4Contact	
	Utilise crowd funding & other funding streams to support WHHP work	April 2017		

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Develop financial packages to support householders to pay for energy efficiency measures to be installed at both a Leeds City Region and local level – for example, working with the Regional Loans Scheme to develop a loans scheme and working with Bradford Credit Unions	Complete the development of a regional loans product – Energy Repayment Loan (ERL) scheme	Regional product developed by December 2016	Lead Pete Betts / Julie Rhodes	The Council has access to £23,000 of regional loans funding for the ERL There is currently no funding available for the LERL scheme
Develop a loan product for private sector landlords to assist them to improve their rental properties to meet forthcoming changes in legislation	Complete the development of a loans product for PRS Landlords – Landlord Energy Repayment Loan (LERL) scheme	PRS Landlord product developed by January 2017	Partners WYCA Sheffield Council Better Homes Yorkshire Financial Inclusion Group WHHP partners Bradford Credit Union	
Develop funding opportunities for LERL scheme	Investigate the feasibility of a bid to the Local Growth Fund – if there is a positive response develop a LGF bid	April 2017		
Secure year-round independent, in-depth, quality advice to householders relating to fuel debt and energy efficiency issues	Ensure provision of free, independent fuel debt advice by quality marked agencies in the Community Advice Network	Ongoing until March 2017	Lead Warm Homes Officer	
			Partners Sarah Possingham Julie Robinson-Joyce	

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	<p>Provide funds to support agencies helping people in fuel poverty to resolve fuel debt problems</p> <p>Provide free energy efficiency advice to residents potentially vulnerable to fuel poverty</p>	<p>Ongoing until March 2017</p> <p>Ongoing until March 2017</p>	Pete Betts Warm Homes Officer	
Ensure that all professionals engaging with client groups are familiar with the fuel poverty alleviation issues and programmes	Work with Public Health, WHHP, First Contact to raise awareness of programmes	Ongoing	Lead Sarah Possingham	Officer time & briefing materials & access to training offered on regional and national basis
	Ensure links are made into appropriate training programmes to increase skills and expertise amongst the sector	Ongoing	Partners WHHP Partners NEA BEAT Pete Betts GroundWorks	
	To ensure all partners of WHHP related work have signed a Memorandum of Understanding	March 2017		

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Ensure consistent fuel poverty messages are sent out from partners to service users	Launch event in September 2016 with key messages identified to be disseminated to partners	September 2016	Lead Thomas Atcheson WHHP partners	
			Partners Kate Smallwood Warm Homes Officer	
Develop and deliver programmes of support, training and funding to deliver fuel poverty and fuel debt advice where possible to enhance the capacity and capability of Housing Associations, owner occupiers and tenants / landlords in the private rented sector	Roll-out of e-learning training package to frontline professionals and other suitable groups / individuals	Ongoing	Lead Pete Betts / Warm Homes Officer / Pam Bhupal / Kate Smallwood	Officer time, training materials
			Partners Richard Williamson Sarah Possingham BEAT	
Develop links with educational establishments to raise awareness of energy efficiency and to engage children and young people (as well as their families) in local activities to reduce energy consumption and bills	Promote energy efficiency learning programmes via the Bradford School Online energy page	Ongoing	Lead Kate Smallwood	Officer time
			Partners Warm Homes Officer	

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Work across local neighbourhoods to enhance and maximise neighbourhood support for the delivery of programmes and schemes	Explore relationships with locality based activities delivered via WHHP	Ongoing	Lead Kate Smallwood	Officer time Possible resource input from the Neighbourhood Service and WHHP
	Explore relationship with neighbourhood support services and local community wardens	March 2017	Partners Neighbourhood co-ordinators Pete Betts	
Deliver retrofit energy efficiency measures to improve the homes of private sector residents vulnerable to fuel poverty	Ongoing work with Better Homes Yorkshire to deliver measures to fuel poor households	Ongoing	Lead Pete Betts	£1.2m LGF
	ATP scheme in Thorpe Edge / fuel poverty scheme in Bierley & other estates	Commences August 2016 Commences early 2017 Spring 2017	Partners WYCA Better Homes Yorkshire	
Deliver a programme supported by the Local Growth Fund to deliver external wall insulation measures in relatively deprived areas				
Investigate the feasibility of developing a PRS Landlords scheme to improve the energy efficiency of properties in the private rented sector using the new LERL finance product	Hold a workshop for private landlords to find out how best to engage with the PRS sector	October 2016	Lead Pete Betts	
	Develop a PRS Landlords scheme if there is a successful	Summer 2017	Partners Kate Smallwood Liam Jowett WYCA Better Homes Yorkshire	

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	LGF bid for funding for the LERL		National Landlords Association Groundwork UK	