

**WYRE FOREST AFFORDABLE WARMTH ACTION PLAN 2008-9**

**TARGET 1: 10% increase in number of Warm Front Grants implemented in the District.**

**TARGET 2: 700 Home Energy Check questionnaires completed by Wyre Forest residents.**

**TARGET 3: 100 referrals made through Wyre Forest Affordable Warmth scheme to the WEEAC.**

**KEY AIM 1: Establish and maintain effective partnership**

<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Local Tasks</b>	<b>Timescales</b>	<b>Lead Organisation</b>
<b>1.1 Operate an effective Wyre Forest Affordable Warmth Steering Group</b>	1. Hold steering group meetings on a quarterly basis.	March 2009	WFDC
	2. Continue to identify and invite partner organisations with an interest in Affordable Warmth to attend.	March 2009	All

**KEY AIM 2: Raise awareness of fuel poverty and affordable warmth**

<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Local Tasks</b>	<b>Timescales</b>	<b>Lead Organisation</b>
<b>2.1 Ensure Wyre Forest residents are accessing the local Energy Efficiency Advice Centre</b>	1. Ensure all visitors to the Worcestershire Hub at Kidderminster, Stourport and Bewdley are invited to completed a Home Energy Check Questionnaire and receive a low energy light bulb.	Ongoing	WFDC and WEEAC
	2. Liaise with Eaga to do a mailshot to all local people on qualifying benefits for Warm Front.	Sept 08 (to follow NI187 survey)	EAGA/ WFDC
	3. Finalise and provide stocks of self-referral leaflet.	Oct 08	WFDC/WEEAC
	4. Check publicity, referral training, and the self-referral form can reach minority ethnic groups in Wyre Forest.	Oct 08	WFDC/WEEAC
<b>2.2 Promote energy efficiency schemes at events in Wyre Forest.</b>	1. Hold 3 days of electric blanket testing and energy advice	Oct 2008	SSAFA and Fire Service
	2. Identify and attend events throughout the district (summer fairs, carnivals etc).	Ongoing	WEEAC/WFDC

	3. Promote schemes at at least 1 flu jab clinic.	Sept 08	PCT/EAGA/ WFDC
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### KEY AIM 3: Provide energy awareness training

Objectives	Local Tasks	Timescales	Lead Organisation
<b>3.1 Continue referral mechanism.</b>	1. Arrange 2 referral scheme training sessions for LA front line staff, Care & Repair, Sure Start, Age Concern etc.	Ongoing	WEEAC
	2. Arrange celebratory "Coffee Morning" event for trained referees.	Nov 08	WEEAC
<b>3.2 Targeted energy awareness training</b>	1. Arrange 2 training sessions for Worcestershire Hub staff	July 08	WEEAC
	2. Arrange a training session for WFDC housing staff	Sept 08	WFDC/ WEEAC
	3. Arrange a training session on affordable energy issues for councillors	Jan 09	WFDC/WEEAC

### KEY AIM 4: Market energy efficiency and affordable warmth

Objectives	Local Tasks	Timescales	Lead Organisation
<b>4.1 Raise awareness of energy efficiency and affordable warmth.</b>	1. Print WEEAC details in every edition of Newswyre	Ongoing	WFDC
	2. Identify other suitable local newsletters and arrange for articles to be included	Ongoing	All
	3. Inclusion of up to date affordable energy information on partner websites.	Ongoing	All
	4. Produce materials (e.g. display, postcards) for use at events	August 2008	WFDC
	5. Produce an 'Affordable energy for Wyre Forest' thermometer card to give out at events.	Sept 08	All- WEEAC /WFDC to coordinate
	6. Utilise national energy saving week/ Switch It Off week to promote affordable energy	October 2008	All- WFDC to co-ordinate

**KEY AIM 5: Ensure low income residents benefit from fuel supply competition**

<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Local Tasks</b>	<b>Timescales</b>	<b>Lead Organisation</b>
<b>5.1 Minimise fuel debt amongst low-income residents.</b>	1. Distribute 2,000 low energy lightbulbs and 200 HECs via the Worcestershire Hub, Councillors and other routes to be identified.	Ongoing	WFDC
	2. Inclusion of information about fuel costs, tariffs and payment arrangements in relevant awareness materials.	Ongoing	WFDC

**KEY AIM 6: Encourage all housing owners to achieve affordable warmth**

<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Local Tasks</b>	<b>Timescales</b>	<b>Lead Organisation</b>
<b>6.1 Facilitate the achievement of affordable warmth in Social Housing.</b>	1. Engage Wyre Forest RSLs in the Wyre Forest Affordable Warmth Steering Group	Ongoing	WFDC
<b>6.2 Achieving affordable warmth in Private Sector Housing.</b>	1. Report progress under Decent Homes Assistance Strategy to this group. 2. Presentations on energy issues to landlord and estate agent forums.	Ongoing March 2009	WFDC WEEAC

**KEY AIM 7: Access funding and other resources to deliver the strategy**

<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Local Tasks</b>	<b>Timescales</b>	<b>Lead Organisation</b>
<b>7.1 Explore alternative funding mechanisms</b>	1. Look at criteria for suitable funds to see whether these can fund Affordable Warmth projects in Wyre Forest.	Ongoing	All

**KEY AIM 8: Ensure strategy delivery, development and evaluation**

<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Local Tasks</b>	<b>Timescales</b>	<b>Lead Organisation</b>
<b>8.1 That the Wyre Forest Affordable Warmth Steering Group delivers the actions in this plan.</b>	1. Ensure that Action Plan 2008/9 is included in partner Delivery/Business Plans.	Ongoing	All
	2. Ensure that steering group members have this area of work identified as core work.	Ongoing	All
<b>8.2 Obtain high level commitment to this action plan.</b>	1. Embed action plan within the LSP through the Health & Wellbeing Group and work in the Horsefair / Broadwaters area.	Ongoing	PCT / WFDC
	2. Ensure PCT Board support continues through and after current changes. Explicitly link Affordable Warmth work to Health Inequalities agenda.	Ongoing.	PCT
<b>8.3 Review, monitor and communicate action plan progress.</b>	1. Report 6 monthly progress to partner boards	Ongoing.	PCT / WFDC
	2. Review and re-focus the Strategy and Action Plan for 2008/9.	October 2008	All

**KEY AIM 9: Ensure delivery of Worcestershire Local Area Agreement targets**

<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Local Tasks</b>	<b>Timescales</b>	<b>Lead Organisation</b>
<b>9.1 Collection of data for LAA</b>	1. Mail shot to enable collection of baseline SAP data for NI187 on fuel poverty.	Summer 2008	WEEAC/ WFDC
	2. Report on action to reduce CO2 emissions from domestic energy use for NI186	March 2009	WEEAC/ WFDC