

Core Script: Warm Homes, Greener Homes – Strategy for Household Energy Management

Top lines

- Homes count for around a quarter of all UK emissions and the majority of us waste money through energy bills
- Today's plan will make Britain's homes greener – removing risks, uncertainty, upfront costs and offering help to those who need it most
- Giving local partnerships and communities a central role in carbon reduction from homes
- By 2030, householders in every home, in every street should benefit from all practical measures to improve energy efficiency in their homes.

Why?

- The average energy bill will go down by a minimum of £70 a year
- We want to make it easier and cheaper for everyone to reduce bills and emissions to help the environment
- We want to put the consumer back in control and increase the powers and tools on offer for local councils to take action
- The plan also puts a tougher emphasis on energy companies to help those who need it most and increase the support for private and social landlords
- The rapid expansion of the home energy efficiency industry will sustain up to 65,000 jobs by 2020 in fields range from construction work to science and technology. The strategy sets out details of training schemes which will open up these jobs.

How?

- New pay-as-you-save 'eco loans', tied to the property, which will avoid the up-front cost of eco upgrades
- Energy companies and local authorities teaming up and ramping up their work in making homes more energy efficient – with energy companies required to save carbon
- A new 'Warm Homes' standard for social housing will see all social tenants receive energy upgrades for their homes supported by energy companies, including fitted smart meters, leading to savings of up to £300 a year on their bills
- Consult on how to formulate minimum energy efficiency standards for rented property to help tenants left in poorly insulated, cold and energy wasting properties

- One stop shop energy helpline for people to access trust worthy information about how to benefit from energy efficiency measures
- New set of standards for workmanship and products to protect consumers from the threat of cowboy eco-builders and dodgy products
- A new network of eco show homes to demonstrate the range of money saving and money generating technology available
- Proposals to improve the impact of Energy Performance Certificates, to give householders a better understanding of what they can do to improve the energy efficiency of their homes
- Separate from the strategy, but also announced today, £9.75m cash for councils to reinforce skills on tackling climate change through local plans and initiatives.

A new Warm Homes standard for social housing

- Government leading the way by unlocking the potential and significant opportunity in the social housing for carbon reduction by 2020
- New Warm Homes standard to drive the retrofit of all social homes by 2020, delivering insulation measures, heating systems alongside renewable technologies, and measures to adapt to climate change
- Will require new partnership working between landlords, energy suppliers and other stakeholders to do this – landlords will offer the energy savings potential in bulk so that energy companies can deliver energy savings cost effectively
- New obligation on energy companies to support partnership arrangements and delivery of carbon savings
- Social tenants (and LA/RSL leaseholders) will benefit from ‘priority group’ treatment providing 100% subsidy
- Major gains for social housing by 2020:
 - over 2m will get standard insulation
 - over 700,000 will have solid walls insulated
 - over 250,000 will be supplied with renewable heat; and
 - SAP ratings will rise from 59 to 70 helping to deliver 2.3MtCO₂.
- Real benefits for social tenants: average bill savings of £300 per year, helping many of them out of fuel poverty
- Significant opportunities for low carbon economy: paving the way for lower cost delivery to all sectors; and supporting up to 100,000 local jobs.