



ADUR & WORTHING
COUNCILS

**Record of Officer
Executive Decision**
Ref. No: DforC/006/17-18
Date of Decision: 9 August 2017

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Record of Decision: Adur & Worthing Councils joining the Flexible Eligibility Scheme within the West Sussex Fuel Poverty Partnership

Decision taken by: Director for Communities

Declaration: I do not have a disclosable pecuniary interest, or conflict of interest

Delegated authority:

2.7.1 - To manage the functions for which they are responsible.

2.7.2 - To make minor amendments to any Policy, Strategy, Consultation or similar document and sign notices, other than legal notices, arising from any decision of The Council.

Decision:

The recommendation is that the Chief Executive agrees to sign the Flexible Eligibility 'Statement of Intent' in order to join with other West Sussex Authorities – led by Arun District Council – to progress work to identify relevant households across Adur District and Worthing Borough and refer them for assistance under this scheme.

Key Decision: Yes

Reason for the Decision:

The Councils are committed to reducing the number of people living in fuel poverty in the locality by using practical and behavioural measures. Councils now have an opportunity to work closely with several other Local Authorities to share knowledge, resources and supplier relationships to maximise the opportunity presented here via the energy suppliers carbon energy commitments. This will enable our residents with health issues, low incomes and cold homes to benefit from this energy efficiency funding and installation initiative.

Flexible Eligibility is not aimed at the most vulnerable as this is still covered by the main functions of the ECO scheme. Flexible Eligibility is aimed at those residents who may not normally qualify for the pre-existing scheme but due to other factors, i.e. health, income & cold homes will be eligible for support through this scheme.

It will enable the Councils to support those not normally captured through other schemes. The West Sussex Fuel Poverty Partnership aims to work towards a West Sussex where residents have the information, resources and support available so they are able to keep warm in their homes.

Alternative Options Considered: N/A

Other Matters Considered:

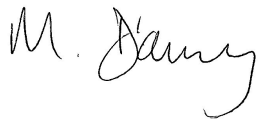
Legal Advice and Issues	x	Financial Advice and Issues	x
Sustainability Issues	x	Equality Issues	x
Community Safety Issues	x	Human Rights Issues	x
Reputation	x	Risk Assessment	x
Health and Safety Issues	x		

Consultation:

Councillors Val Turner and David Simmonds, Executive Members for Health and Wellbeing, Worthing BC and Adur DC respectively, have been consulted as part of this decision making process to enable this to move forward. Emails dated 26 July 2017 from the Director to the Councillors.

Background Papers: A briefing paper, Flexible Eligibility SOI Overview, has been shared as part of this decision making process.

Call-in: The call-in deadline for this decision will be 5.00pm on Wednesday 16 August 2017.



Signed:

Name: Mary D'Arcy, Director for Communities

Dated: 9 August 2017

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