

Domestic Energy Alliance

Low Carbon and Fuel Poverty Activity Plan Refresh Sep / Oct 09

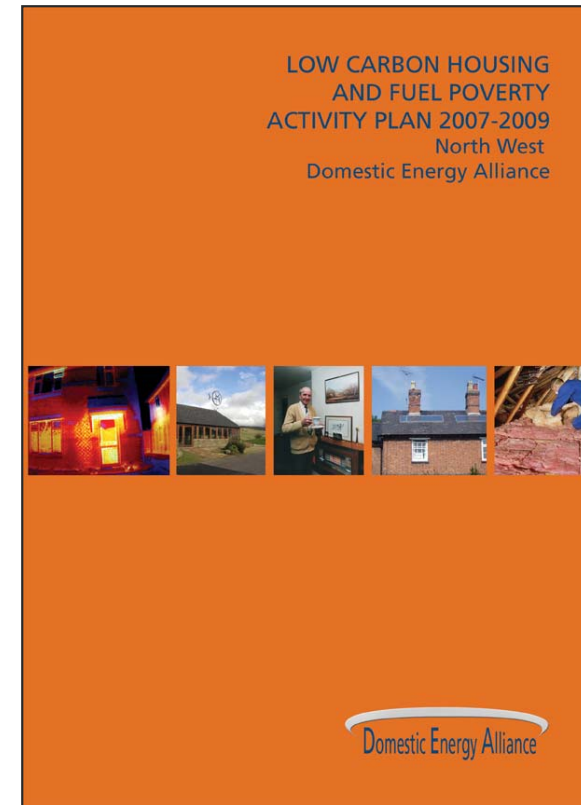


*Bringing together North West stakeholders to reduce domestic carbon emissions
and eradicate fuel poverty*

Low Carbon Housing and Fuel Poverty Activity Plan

In 2005 stakeholder consultation led to the production of the Plan for 2007- 09

We are now refreshing this plan from 2010 -12



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DEA conference feedback

The DEA conference in March 2009 considered emerging themes in the region

- Partnership working – using an example of the health sector
- Skills development
- Affordability of energy efficiency / renewable energy measures
- Affordability of fuel

DEA conference feedback

Partnership working eg health sector

1. Roles, responsibilities and structures in the NHS, PCT, Public Health depts, are complex and varied. Need to understand the complexity and key contacts.
2. Difficulty of including fuel poverty / energy efficiency on the PCT agenda - Need to clarify and publicise where agendas overlap, and share information. Use evidence base to achieve buy in.
3. Varied and sometimes duplicated actions in neighbouring PCTs –need to share information
4. Data protection is an issue for data sharing – need to look at procedures, codes of practice?

DEA conference feedback

Skills and training

1. Cost of up skilling - Need funding and grants from central government / regional agencies.
2. Lack of confidence in the market, image of the sector, fear of cowboys, poor customer service – need regulation and legislation
3. Lack of knowledge of the potential for new technologies – need to work with educators – increase confidence, accreditation needed in the industry

DEA conference feedback

Affordability of energy efficiency renewable energy

1. Lack of awareness of assistance available – need to work in partnership with other agencies
2. Grants – people confused – criteria too complicated need shared good practice on communicating finance available
3. Hard to reach groups – need training front line staff from other agencies
4. Finance – peaks and troughs – need allocation for region – lobby for long term even funding
5. Value – will it add value to home – payback period

DEA conference feedback

Affordability of domestic fuel

1. People do not understand bills or tariffs – need to work with utilities or use advocates. Obligation on utilities to put customers on best tariff?
2. Prepayment meters often not best option - see above
3. Problems for off gas customers – expense of oil – look into oil co-ops

The Low Carbon Housing and Fuel Poverty Activity Plan – Refreshed themes

DEA members looked at the current Low Carbon Housing and Fuel Poverty Activity Plan and considered feedback from conference and recent developments.

Considered the themes for the refreshed strategy. They are broadly those from the original which we would like you to consider and refresh

The Low Carbon Housing and Fuel Poverty Activity Plan – Refreshed themes

- 1. Strengthen effective regional communication and coordination**
- 2. Develop robust targeting and monitoring for LCH and FP in housing**
- 3. Increase availability and uptake of sustainable funding for low carbon housing and fuel poverty eradication**
- 4. Increase the uptake of microgeneration and energy efficiency technologies**
- 5. Encourage the further development of skills and training to deliver low carbon and affordably warm housing**
- 6. Champion the integration of LCH and FP into local and regional policy frameworks**

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Group work activity

- Consider one theme at a time and discuss the suggested 'needs'
- Feel free to amend these and incorporate actions which need to be undertaken.
- As a group complete one 'master sheet' per group which we will keep and incorporate into the refreshed plan.

Group work activity

Theme 1 Strengthen effective regional communication and coordination

Needs	Actions – what needs to be done	DEA role	Existing activity by stakeholders
1.1 Consistent communication takes place amongst stakeholders in the region			
1.2 Consistent and accurate information and advice is promoted and available to householders in the region			

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**Thank you
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