

# **Cross Party Group: Fuel Poverty and Energy Efficiency**

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# Warm Homes Programme

- Nest - advice & support to reduce energy bills and, for eligible low income, privately owned & privately rented households, a package of free home energy efficiency improvements
- Arbed - strategic energy performance investment programme to reduce climate change, help eradicate fuel poverty, and boost economic development & regeneration in the most deprived areas of Wales



# Warm Homes: Investing £104m to tackle fuel poverty



Improving energy efficiency of 1000s of homes



to help heat homes affordably



to improve health and wellbeing

£72m Nest



Up to **18,000** homes



£20m Arbed Local Authority grants



Up to **3,000** homes



£12m Arbed EU 3  
(attracting an additional £24m of EU funding)



Up to **4,000** homes



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# Wales update

## Nest Annual Report 2016-17



- **Funding** - In 2016/17, the Welsh Government provided £19.5m for Nest and a further £3.9m has been levered in through the GB-wide Energy Company Obligation.
- Over 5,500 households received free energy efficiency measures in 2016-17 and the average annual energy bill savings for these households are estimated at £410.
- 264 households benefitted from new or additional benefits, with an average increase in household income of over £1,800 per household per year
- 382 households benefitted from a Warm Home Discount rebate of £140 off their electricity bill
- 79% of households contacting Nest were living in fuel poverty



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**Nest from April 2018**



- Nest contract commenced on 1 April 2018 -delivered by British Gas
- Includes:
- Free telephone based energy & water saving advice for all householders in Wales
- **Eligibility** - for free energy efficiency measures is available to householders who meet all of the following criteria:
- They live in a privately owned OR a privately rented dwelling
- They live in an energy inefficient dwelling (EPC E, F or G)
- They, or someone they live with, is in receipt of a qualifying Means Tested Benefit



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## Changes

- In-home energy and water saving advice for recipients of free energy
- efficiency measures
- **Pilot** - to test the customer journey for customers who are not in receipt of a MTB, but who are on a low income and suffer from a respiratory or circulatory condition.
- **Pilot extended** - until March 2019 to allow for further in depth testing of the referral routes and to gather a full year of evidence that allows for seasonal health variations

## Warm Homes Arbed

- Approximately £55m over 3 years from 2018/19 (Welsh Government & WEFO funding)
- Contract awarded to a joint venture - Everwarm and the Energy Saving Trust



# Decarbonisation Targets

- Target to reduce emissions in 2050 by at least 80% compared to 1990 levels
- 3% annual reduction
- Emissions from homes accounts for approximately 15% of total emissions in Wales
- Advice from UK Committee on Climate Change - energy efficiency highlighted as a priority area for action

## Recommendations

- *Welsh Government should use its devolved powers to ensure new buildings are highly energy efficient and are designed to enable the installation of low carbon heating systems.*
- *Improvements to the energy efficiency of the existing housing stock - high priority for Welsh Government*
- Major upscaling of energy efficiency retrofit works on existing homes needed
- Officials considering plans for new interventions





# Opportunity for Questions



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Open discussion with  
Jonathan Oates & Kristy Roberts-Medcraft,  
Welsh Government



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How should the Cross Party Group  
respond?



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