

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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## Appendix 1 Energy Efficiency Fund – **Proposed updates highlighted in bold**

The fund will only be available to Redditch owner occupiers and where the property concerned is their only and principle home. The fund will only be made available when there are no other funding streams available to resolve the homeowner’s difficulties.

The Head of Community Services will have discretion to consider applications which fall outside of the normal criteria but in respect of which ‘exceptional circumstances’ apply.

The measures and eligibility are set out below:

<b><u>Eligibility</u></b>	<b><u>Measure</u></b>	<b><u>Financial Support available</u></b>	<b><u>Additional support</u></b>
In receipt of qualifying benefit*	<p>Condensing boilers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to replace low efficiency boilers (F or G rated)</li> <li>to replace boilers broken beyond economic repair</li> <li>associated works</li> </ul> <p>Gas condensing heating systems where these are not already present and a connection to mains gas is possible</p> <p>Heating controls</p> <p>Heating system insulation (cylinder, pipes)</p> <p>Cavity wall insulation</p> <p>Loft insulation</p> <p>Draught proofing</p> <p><b>Energy efficient light fittings and bulbs</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>£250 household contribution required towards the cost of works, Fully funded up to a total cost of works of £5000</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Home visit by Act on Energy to assess which measures would be beneficial and to offer additional energy efficiency advice.</li> <li>Signposting to accredited contractors to obtain quotes</li> <li>Review of quotes and check of contractor’s accreditation and public liability insurance.</li> <li>Follow-up by Act on Energy after installation.</li> <li>Follow-up by Act on Energy after 1 year.</li> </ul>
If under Redditch average local household income of £36k (County Council district profile)	<p>Condensing boilers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to replace low efficiency boilers (F or G rated)</li> <li>to replace boilers broken beyond economic repair</li> </ul> <p>Gas condensing heating systems where these are not already present and a connection to mains gas is</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>£500 towards cost of works</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signposting to accredited contractors to obtain quotes.</li> <li>Review of quotes and check of contractor’s accreditation and public liability insurance.</li> <li>Follow-up by Act on Energy after installation.</li> <li>Follow-up by Act on Energy after 1 year.</li> </ul>

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<u>Eligibility</u>	<u>Measure</u>	<u>Financial Support available</u>	<u>Additional support</u>
In receipt of qualifying benefit*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boiler servicing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>50% of cost up to £35</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signposting to accredited contractors to obtain quotes</li> <li>Review of quotes and check of contractor's accreditation and public liability insurance.</li> </ul>
In receipt of qualifying benefit*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boiler repair</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fully funded</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signposting to accredited contractors to obtain quotes</li> <li>Review of quotes and check of contractor's accreditation and public liability insurance.</li> </ul>

**\*Qualifying benefits:**

- Income Support
- Pension Credit Guarantee (not pension saving credit)
- Working Tax Credit (with an income, after tax, of less than £16,010)
- Jobseekers allowance (JSA) (income based)
- Employment Support Allowance (ESA) (income based)

**OR**

- Universal Credit – The benefit recipient with an earned monthly take home income of £1,250 or less in any assessment period in the previous 12 months