

**Creation of a new Energy Efficiency Fund for Homeowners in Redditch
supplementary information**

Following further consultation with Portfolio Holders it is proposed to make the following revisions to the Energy Efficiency Report.

1. To amend the final sentence of resolution 3. to read : “ to make minor amendments to the scheme and review the scheme **six months after it is launched.**”
2. To add a paragraph under Service/Operational Implications at 3.8 (a) that reads: ‘The scheme is for homeowners in Redditch. Council tenants should seek help with energy efficiency by contacting staff at their Locality Housing Office.
3. To delete the reference to assisting with energy efficient light fittings and bulbs contained in the first section of the list of measures in Appendix 1 and in paragraph 3.9 of the report itself.
4. To add, in the first section of the list of measures in Appendix 1, with reference to the financial support available, that a household financial contribution criterion of £250 will apply towards the costs of works for those households in receipt of qualifying benefits. . Those households earning below the average Redditch household income will automatically be making their own financial contribution.

Explanatory note:

Introducing a financial contribution requirement to the scheme ensures that the Council’s scheme mirrors the approach undertaken within the current Affordable Warmth element of the Energy Company Obligation (ECO), where a minimum £250 contribution is required for broken boilers. Where Redditch residents can benefit from these existing ECO funding streams, Act on Energy will help them access this assistance. The council’s energy efficiency scheme will provide support for those households who do not qualify for these funding streams to prevent them from falling into further difficulty.

Introducing a financial contribution for all households benefiting from the Energy Efficiency Fund to resolve broken boilers should enable the Council to focus on those households who do not qualify for assistance from other schemes. This approach will also maximise the effectiveness of the scheme in terms of the number of households who can be supported.