

BOLSOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Meeting of the Climate Change and Communities Scrutiny Committee on 8th April
2025**

**Review of the Council's Energy Policy for Local Housing – Post-Scrutiny
Monitoring (Interim Report)**

Report of the Scrutiny Officer

Classification	This report is Public
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PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT

- To present the first interim Post-Scrutiny Monitoring Report assessing progress against the recommendations to date for the Review of the Council's Energy Policy for Local Housing to the Climate Change and Communities Scrutiny Committee.

REPORT DETAILS

1. Background

- 1.1 The Climate Change and Communities Scrutiny Committee agreed to undertake a Review of Council's Energy Policy for Local Housing as part of the 2023-24 Work Programme.
- 1.2 The issue was initially raised due to the District's requirement of improved energy resilience within the local housing stock as well as concerns over residents being under pressure due to the rising costs of energy adding to the current cost of living crisis.

2. Details of Proposal or Information

- 2.1 The Committee put together five recommendations, as outlined in the appendices, which have assisted the Council in improving policies and standards for energy in local housing stock.
- 2.2 This report acknowledges progress to date by Officers implementing the recommendations.
- 2.3 To date two out of five recommendations have been achieved, two are on track and will hopefully be completed within the original target date and one has been extended.

3. Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 Members are required to make their report and findings public, in accordance with Part 4.5.17(4) of the Constitution.
- 3.2 Committee is required to monitor implementation of their recommendations in accordance with Part 3.6(1) of the Constitution.
- 3.3 Members must note Executive’s response to the review recommendations and agree to review progress on the approved recommendations. A progress report will be submitted in six and twelve months’ time, with any exceptions to expected delivery highlighted.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 There are no alternative options. Members are required to note the service’s response to progress against the review recommendations.
- 4.2 Committee is required to monitor implementation of their recommendations in accordance with Part 3.6(1) of the Constitution and as such the report cannot be rejected.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 1. That Scrutiny Members note the progress against the review recommendations.
- 2. That Scrutiny Members acknowledge any exceptions to delivery and clarify the additional action required by the service.
- 3. That Scrutiny Members make its report and findings public, in accordance with Part 4.5.17(4) of the Council’s Constitution.
- 4. That Officers continue to implement the recommendations and submit a further report in twelve months’ time highlighting progress and any exceptions to delivery.

IMPLICATIONS:

<u>Finance and Risk</u>		
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Details:		
None from this report. Suggested action for the service can be contained within existing budgets.		
On behalf of the Section 151 Officer		

<u>Legal (including Data Protection)</u> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Details: In carrying out scrutiny reviews the Council is exercising its scrutiny powers as laid out in s.21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and subsequent legislation which added/amended these powers <p style="text-align: right;">On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council</p>	
<u>Staffing</u> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Details: None from this report. <p style="text-align: right;">On behalf of the Head of Paid Service</p>	
<u>Equality and Diversity, and Consultation</u> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Details: N/A	
<u>Environment</u> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Details: The review supports the Corporate Ambition of 'Environment' and the Priority of 'Reducing our carbon footprint whilst supporting and encouraging residents and businesses to do the same by increasing rates of recycling across the District'. The review supports the Corporate Target ENV02. Reduce the District Council's carbon emissions by 100 tonnes per annum.	

DECISION INFORMATION:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please indicate which threshold applies:	
Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an Executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more wards in the District or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Revenue (a) Results in the Council making Revenue Savings of £75,000 or more or (b) Results in the Council incurring Revenue Expenditure of £75,000 or more.	(a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/>
Capital (a) Results in the Council making Capital Income of £150,000 or more or (b) Results in the Council incurring Capital Expenditure of £150,000 or more.	(a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/>
District Wards Significantly Affected: <i>(to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the District)</i>	All <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Please state below which wards are affected or tick **All** if all wards are affected:

<p>Is the decision subject to Call-In? <i>(Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</i></p> <p>If No, is the call-in period to be waived in respect of the decision(s) proposed within this report? <i>(decisions may only be classified as exempt from call-in with the agreement of the Monitoring Officer)</i></p> <p>Consultation carried out: <i>(this is any consultation carried out prior to the report being presented for approval)</i></p> <p>Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Executive <input type="checkbox"/> SLT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Members <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy, Environment, Housing

The review supports the Corporate Ambition of 'Environment'.

DOCUMENT INFORMATION:

Appendix No	Title
1	Executive Response to Review of the Council's Energy Policy for Local Housing – Original Recommendations
2	Post Scrutiny Monitoring Report - Review of the Council's Energy Policy for Local Housing

Background Papers

(These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Executive, you must provide copies of the background papers).