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c) Total cost of implementation of all measures	135.5 million		-	£ - Millions
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If you answered "Yes", please describe briefly:

- (a) the methodology used to monitor progress, listing the main data sources
- (b) how you are monitoring the success of activities designed to promote energy efficiency

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1. HECA data gathering project (via the electoral registration scheme) :-
A self-completion energy questionnaire was distributed to approximately 25% of properties in the borough using the electoral registration mailing in August 2003. In total 8295 surveys were distributed, and a response rate of 3415 was achieved, thereby providing a return of 41.17%.

The survey asked householders about the heating and insulation currently in their property, as well as what measures they had installed in the previous twelve months. The returned surveys were processed using an optical scanner, and a data file was created in order to model the stock.

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<p>19. Implementation of the Kent-wide Affordable Warmth Strategy. In February 2004, a working group was formed to conduct a review of the strategy; this is currently taking place.</p>	<p>Kent Energy Centre: all Kent L.A.'s; NEA; Social Services; CVS; Health Services; Groundwork; CAB; Age Concern; KCC Fuel Suppliers: The Children's Society; Care and Repair, Pensions Service and all Directorates of DBC.</p>	<p>Continue to develop partnerships and obtain sponsorship.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>20. West Kent Healthy Homes Project - aimed at assisting asthma sufferers in West Kent to install energy efficiency measures and mechanical ventilation to their homes via discount schemes and grants. In October 2003, as a result of poor take up of this scheme, and its overlap on other projects, the Steering Group decided to wind down this project. Permission was sort to transfer the remaining funding to the Health Through Warmth and KASH Schemes, which offer similar measures.</p>	<p>West Kent local authorities. Kent Energy Centre, MASH (Medway Asthma Self Help Group), West Kent Health Authority, Primary Care Groups, health visitors and voluntary groups.</p>	<p>£160,000 grant from EST</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>21. EST's Local Authorities Support Programme funded two full time posts at the KEC, from August 2002. They have continued to offer free support to help Local Authorities comply with energy legislation and strategies. They have helped to increase the profile of energy conservation and tried to encourage a more strategic and sustainable approach to energy issues in all the Local Authorities. They held an Energy Awareness Seminar; 'Energy Conservation; The Future for Dartford' in October 2003. This was a successful event with Senior Officers and Member of the Council attending. LASP have fed into 44 strategies and corporate plans across Kent, held 15 partnership building events; including presentations to planners and architects and social housing providers across Kent. They had also made 13 external funding bids to bring in national funding to Kent, including a successful bid for monies from the EST's Innovation Programme to conduct a feasibility study of an energy accreditation scheme for private properties for KEEP.</p>	<p>Kent Energy Centre (KEC), Kent local authorities</p>	<p>£70,000 for 2003/4</p>	<p>Yes</p>
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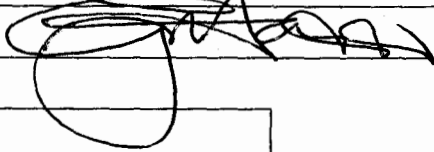
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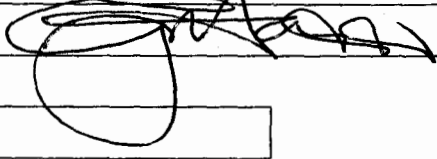
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