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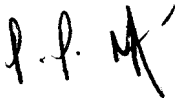
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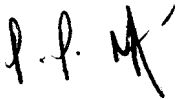
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**HOME ENERGY CONSERVATION ACT 1995
TENTH PROGRESS REPORT (2005)
FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2005 TO 31 MARCH 2006**



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1. Have there been any changes to the following elements of your authority's Home Energy Conservation Act (HECA) strategy in the period covered by this report?

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a) Overall energy efficiency improvement identified	26.9	☐	☐	per cent
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It would be helpful if you could provide details of how development of your strategy has been taken forward.

2 Are you monitoring changes in the energy efficiency of the housing stock in your area, in order to be able to report progress as required by HECA? YES [:] NOD

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

If you answered "No", please give reasons.

Methodology used to monitor progress and success of information, advice, education and promotion activities

- A self completion energy questionnaire was distributed to approx 25% of properties in the borough using the electoral registration mailing in August 2005. In total 10078 surveys were distributed, and a response rate of 34.33% was achieved, thereby providing a return of 3460 surveys.
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In part b) describe new activities you expect to **commence in the 2006/07 financial year.**

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<p>18. The local hospital Darent Valley approached Dartford about their Sustainability Week Event in June 2005. An energy efficiency, composting and recycling display was provided and KEC visited for a day resulting in 50 completed HEC forms.</p>	<p>Environmental Promotions Officer, departments within the Council, Kent Energy Centre</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>19. A workshop for Council Officers to formulate an Action Plan to support the Dartford Sustainable Home Energy Strategy was held in September 2005. Following the workshop the comments were drawn into a Draft Action Plan, consultation undertaken with additional Officers in the Council and comments taken on board. The Draft Strategy and Action Plan were discussed in January 2006 at Council Scrutiny Committee, followed by approval at the Council Cabinet meeting in March 2006. Consultation took place with a wide variety of agencies in April 2006 and the final strategy and Action Plan was adopted at the General Assembly of the Council in June 2006.</p>	<p>Environmental Promotions Officer, EAGA, local installers</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>20. During the period 1 April 2005 - 31 March 2006 the Warm Front Grant Scheme shows that 139 properties had work fully completed by registered installers. Some households had multiple measures, resulting in double counting Boiler replacement gas - 24; Cavity wall insulation - 23; CFL - 1391 Draughtproofing - 33; Electric central heating - 4; Electric storage heating - 1; Gas central heating - 14; Heating repairs - 49; Hot water tank jacket - 2; Loft insulation - 60; Material supply - 66; New gas supply - 3; Oil replacement - 1; Replacement boiler - 20; Tank jackets - 1; Wall heating - 2</p>	<p>Environmental Promotions Officer, British Gas</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>21. Initial discussion into partnership work with British Gas commenced in February 2006. British Gas activity in the Borough for the year 2005 - 06 resulted in 160 cavity wall insulations and 475 loft insulations.</p>	<p>Environmental Promotions Officer, EST, GOSE, SEEDA, CEN</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>Yes</p>
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<p>18. The local hospital Darent Valley approached Dartford about their Sustainability Week Event in June 2005. An energy efficiency, composting and recycling display was provided and KEC visited for a day resulting in 50 completed HEC forms.</p>	<p>Environmental Promotions Officer, departments within the Council, Kent Energy Centre</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>19. A workshop for Council Officers to formulate an Action Plan to support the Dartford Sustainable Home Energy Strategy was held in September 2005. Following the workshop the comments were drawn into a Draft Action Plan, consultation undertaken with additional Officers in the Council and comments taken on board. The Draft Strategy and Action Plan were discussed in January 2006 at Council Scrutiny Committee, followed by approval at the Council Cabinet meeting in March 2006. Consultation took place with a wide variety of agencies in April 2006 and the final strategy and Action Plan was adopted at the General Assembly of the Council in June 2006.</p>	<p>Environmental Promotions Officer, EAGA, local installers</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>20. During the period 1 April 2005 - 31 March 2006 the Warm Front Grant Scheme shows that 139 properties had work fully completed by registered installers. Some households had multiple measures, resulting in double counting Boiler replacement gas - 24; Cavity wall insulation - 23; CFL - 1391 Draughtproofing - 33; Electric central heating - 4; Electric storage heating - 1; Gas central heating - 14; Heating repairs - 49; Hot water tank jacket - 2; Loft insulation - 60; Material supply - 66; New gas supply - 3; Oil replacement - 1; Replacement boiler - 20; Tank jackets - 1; Wall heating - 2</p>	<p>Environmental Promotions Officer, British Gas</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>21. Initial discussion into partnership work with British Gas commenced in February 2006. British Gas activity in the Borough for the year 2005 - 06 resulted in 160 cavity wall insulations and 475 loft insulations.</p>	<p>Environmental Promotions Officer, EST, GOSE, SEEDA, CEN</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>Yes</p>
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2. The Dartford Festival a 2 day event in July 06 to include an energy efficiency display and collecting completed HEC forms.	Environmental Promotions Officer, Kent Energy Centre	From HECA budget	Yes
3. The Dartford Mini Renewables Project will be overseen by Kent Energy Centre and is due to take place in August 06. Letters to targeted addresses off gas and able to pay will be delivered. The project aims to encourage local residents to install energy efficiency and renewable energy technology in their homes. A leaflet outlining a variety of renewable technologies will be prepared.	Environmental Promotions Officer, Kent Energy Centre	From HECA budget	No
4. It is anticipated that negotiations with British Gas will result in the Council offering the British Gas Council Tax Rebate scheme to local residents able to pay for cavity wall and loft insulation. The Scheme will need agreement of Cabinet prior to launching.	Environmental Promotions Officer, British Gas	n/a; British Gas	Yes
5. The Council is proposing to promote the availability of the Government Warm Front Grant, to ensure that as many local residents as possible benefit from a warmer and healthier home.	Environmental Promotions Officer, EAGA	n/a	Yes
6. As part of the Council HECA data gathering exercise it is proposed to request e.mail addresses for inclusion on a database to receive direct e.mails on energy efficiency measures.	Environmental Promotions Officer	n/a	Yes
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YES NO

Sb. If you answered no to question Sa, do you have plans to develop an affordable warmth/fuel poverty strategy?

YES NO

Sc. If you answered yes to question Sa or Sb, please briefly describe below how you are taking forward or planning to take forward a fuel poverty/affordable warmth strategy and advise on successes to date, key partners and anticipated future developments, with a particular emphasis on private sector housing stock.

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- Energy efficiency for Dartford borough tenants
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- Issue around education and schools
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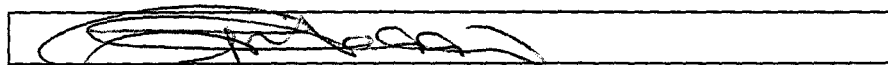
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Authority

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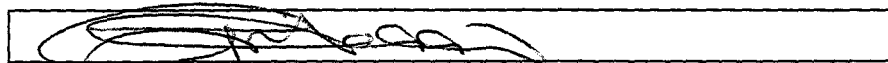
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