

Fuel Poverty Area Committee Champions Role

Inquiry into Fuel Poverty (April 2012) Recommendation number 8

(i) That Area Committees nominate a Fuel Poverty Champion to drive forward local action in addressing fuel poverty problems associated with their particular areas

(ii) That the Area Committee Fuel Poverty Champions liaise with their respective locality Health and Wellbeing Improvement Managers to agree the appointment of one Fuel Poverty Champion

Current position

- Citywide Affordable Warmth Partnership – meets quarterly
- Membership is made up of elected members from each political group
- Chaired by elected member. For 2012 it is Cllr David Blackburn

Potential role of Fuel Poverty Area Committee Champion if agreed

- To attend on behalf of the area committee the citywide Affordable Warmth Partnership
- To represent views from a locality perspective
- To be aware of neighbourhoods / vulnerable groups of high need
- To promote programmes addressing fuel poverty e.g. Wrap up Leeds, Green doctor, Warm home service etc.
- To signpost and support local people to access the services that are available (financial support and affordable warmth provision)
- To influence and inform decision makers on local needs for future service provision
- To lobby local energy providers and funding providers to address the needs of vulnerable households.
- To report back to area committee on progress made / highlight issues

To be supported by:

The lead officer for citywide partnership and locality Health and Wellbeing Improvement Managers.