

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.