



Report of the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing

South (Outer) Area Committee

Date: Monday 18th December 2006

Subject: Affordable Warmth – An Overview

Electoral Wards Affected:

ALL

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Council
Function

Delegated Executive
Function available
for Call In

X

Delegated Executive
Function not available for
Call In Details set out in the
report

Executive Summary

Affordable Warmth or fuel poverty is becoming an issue across the City due to increasing and dramatic fuel cost increases in the domestic sector. Environmental Health Services are currently finalising an Affordable Warmth Strategy for the City to encompass a range of partners, this is to support the overall aim of eradicating fuel poverty by 2016 and to off set the impact that fuel cost increases are having on low income households over time.

The attached report seeks to give an overview of the situation in the City at present and what actions are required to be supported at a local and area level.

Recommendations:

1. Area Committee members are requested to note the attached Report
2. Area Committee members are asked to note and support the integration of affordable warmth aims and objectives into District Plans.
3. Area Committee members are asked to facilitate or support local initiatives to address fuel poverty reduction and eradication.