ANGUS COUNCIL

Housing Committee - 26th August 2004

HOME ENERGY CONSERVATION ACT THIRD PROGRESS REPORT

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF HOUSING

ABSTRACT

This report advises members of the third HECA progress report

1. RECOMMENDATION

Members are asked to note the content of the third <u>progress report</u> under the Home Energy Conservation Act (HECA).

2. BACKGROUND

Under the terms of the Home Energy Conservation Act (1995), Angus Council must report periodically to the Scottish Executive on the progress being made towards achieving the energy efficiency targets set out in the Council's HECA strategy, and must also publish the report for public consumption.

Seven years on from the original strategy being published in November 1997, the third progress report has been prepared and was submitted to Communities Scotland (on behalf of the Scottish Executive) by the required date of 16th July 2004.

3. ANGUS HECA PROGRESS REPORT 2001-2003

The report shows a calculated 3.6% reduction in domestic fuel use in Angus for the 2 year period between April 1st 2001 – March 31st 2003, and a 4.4% reduction in carbon dioxide emissions for the corresponding period. The total reduction in domestic fuel use for the period of the strategy (1997-2003) is calculated at 10.6%, with a 12.3% reduction in carbon dioxide emissions.

Although the HECA Strategy has differing aims and objectives to the Angus Fuel Poverty Strategy, many of the delivery mechanisms are the same, and this is therefore reflected in the progress report.

A copy of the report giving full details of progress achieved in Angus is attached, and is also available for scrutiny in the members lounge, at libraries throughout Angus and on the Council website.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report as it is envisaged that work to meet the objectives within the strategy will at present be contained within current budgets, alongside suitable applications for grant funding and partner support.

5 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no human rights implications resulting from this report

6 CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Law & Administration, Director of Property Services, Director of Planning & Transport, Director of Environmental Health & Consumer Protection, and Director of Education have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

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NOTE:- The following background papers, as defined by Section 50d of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, (other than any containing confidential or exempt information), were relied upon to any material extent in preparing this report.

Angus Council Report No.1211/97 Home Energy Conservation Report. 25/11/97

Angus Council Report No. 1086/03 HECA Progress. 9/10/03

Angus Council Report No. 365/04 Angus Fuel Poverty Strategy. 16/3/04