

# Home Energy Conservation Act (HECA) 2023

## High Peak Borough Council

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### Introductory Questions

**Name of Local Authority** High Peak Borough Council

**Type of Local Authority** Borough

**Name, job title and email address of official submitting report**

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### Headline and Overview

**Q1 Does your Local Authority have a current strategy on carbon reduction and/or energy efficiency for domestic or non-domestic properties?**

Yes this is included in our Climate Change Plan

**Q2** If yes, please provide a link: [Towards Carbon Neutrality. 2030 Climate Change Plan](#)

**Q3.** If no, are you planning to develop one, and in what timeframe?

N/A

**Q4.** In the last 2 years, what has been the cost (or estimated cost) of your energy efficiency and/or carbon reduction initiatives, schemes and services? Please consider the total cost of running and administering the scheme(s). Please input 0 if no schemes or initiatives has been implemented.

Not including capital and partner administration costs estimate 1 FTE collectively estimate £50k

**Q5.** Which, if any, of the following outcomes have been achieved through your energy efficiency and/or carbon initiatives, schemes and services? All of the below

- Energy Saving
- Carbon Savings
- Job Creation
- Alleviation of Fuel Poverty
- Improved Health Outcomes

## Consumer Advice and Information

**Q6.** Do you provide or promote any advisory services to consumers on how to save energy?

Yes

**Q7.** If yes, list means

- Local Authority website
- Local advisory service
- Leaflets
- Social media
- Local energy hubs
- Other attending events, supporting community groups to refer to advice.

## Local Retrofit Supply Chain

**Q8.** Have you conducted any assessment or analysis to understand the existing capacity in your local supply chain to support the decarbonisation of buildings by 2050?

No but we are working with other authorities on developing a programme to do this.

Local Government Association Retrofit Action Planning Programme looked at programme planning

Derbyshire Case Study [Decarbonising Derbyshire's Housing | Local Government Association](#)

High Peak Case Study [High Peak and Staffordshire Moorlands Action Plan | Local Government Association](#)

**Q9. If you answered yes to question 8, please summarise any specific bottlenecks (or provide a link if this information has been published).**

N/A

**Q10. Which, if any, of the following actions are you taking to upskill and/or grow your local retrofit installer supply chain? Please select all that apply**

Working with other authorities and the Midlands Net Zero Hub.

**Q11. Do you provide advice for your residents and small businesses about how to pick an installer business or how to avoid being mis-sold inappropriate improvements?**

Yes

**Q12. Has there been any Trading Standards activity against energy efficiency or home retrofit businesses in your area due to mis-selling or otherwise poorly advising consumers about retrofit measures?**

No – we are not aware of any issues

**Q13. If you received funding under Local Authority Delivery, Home Upgrade Grant or Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund, did availability of PAS 2030:2019 or MCS certified and TrustMark registered supply chain affect your ability to deliver?**

Yes for Conservation Areas

**Q14. If you answered yes to question 13 please can you tell us, which parts of the supply chain were particularly affected (please select all that apply)?**

Specific requirements of conservation areas on PAS 2030 and 2035

**Q15. If you answered yes to question 13 please can you tell us, what actions did you take to overcome those barriers (please select all that apply)?**

Using a main contractor and requiring them to source suitably certified supply chain (either through contracting or training up their own staff)

## Social Housing Decarbonisation

**Q16. Did you apply to the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund (SHDF) Wave 2.1?**

No

**Q17. Which, if any, of the following motivated you to apply for SHDF Wave 2.1? Please select all that apply.**

N/A

**Q18. Which, if any, of the following barriers prevented you from applying to SHDF Wave 2.1?**

Not enough capability

**Q19, Have you carried out/planned to carry out any retrofit work in absence of SHDF funding?**

• Yes

**Q20. If yes, how is this funded/how would this be funded?**

Funding from other Government schemes

**Q21. If no, what is/are the main reason(s) for not planning to carry out any retrofit work?**

- Lack of funding
- Lack of internal resource
- Lack of capacity

**Q22. How many of your social housing partners are you aware applied for the SHDF?**

N/A

## Domestic Rented Energy Efficiency Standards (MEES) Regulations

**Q23. Do you enforce the PRS MEES Regulations in domestic tenancies?**

Yes

**Q24. Do you use the PRS MEES Exemption Register?**

Yes

**Q25. Are you aware of the PRS MEES draft toolkit for supporting local authorities?**

Yes, and I've used it

**Q26. In the past 2 years, how many domestic private rented properties have you engaged with in respect to enforcement of the PRS MEES Regulations?**

12

**Q27. In the past 2 years, how many domestic private rented properties have you found to be non-compliant?**

3

**Q28. In the last 2 years, how many non-compliant properties have been improved to EPC Band E after you have engaged with them?**

3

**Q29. How many compliance notices have you issued in the past 2 years for non-compliance of the PRS MEES Regulations?**

0

# Green Home Finance

**Q30. What programmes, if any, do you have to promote domestic energy efficiency improvements for those who are able to pay? Please provide links to any relevant online materials.**

HEAT project with Marches Energy Agency. Online Webpages and advice lines

[About the Home Energy Advice Team Hub — Home Energy Advice Team](#)

[Energy Efficiency and Advice - High Peak Borough Council](#)

**Q31. Do you take any steps to raise awareness of the availability of private financing options (such as green mortgages) to fund retrofit works?**

No, but we have plans to do this in the future

**Q32. Do you refer homeowners interested in energy efficiency to retail lenders offering green finance products?**

No, but we have plans to do this in the future

## Fuel Poverty

**Q33. Does your Local Authority have a Fuel Poverty Strategy?**

No

**Q34 How do you identify fuel poor households? Please select all that apply and provide additional information if possible.**

- Used local data sets on energy efficiency/housing [Use Low Energy Efficiency LILEE indicator](#)
- Used local data sets on household income [Fuel poverty statistics - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- Campaigns to encourage potential households to reach out
- Links to partners eg Fuel Bank, Food bank, Social Prescribers to refer to energy advice service.

**Q35. What actions are you taking to reduce fuel poverty in your area? Please select all that apply and provide additional information if possible.**

- Delivery of government wide schemes such as the Home Upgrade Grant or Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund.
- Actions to increase financial support to low income or vulnerable households.
- Other

Set up Cost of Living advice hub [Cost of Living Hub - High Peak Borough Council](#)

1) cost of living crisis plan and online Hub for info <https://www.highpeak.gov.uk/CostOfLivingHub>

2) commissioning / referral to specialist advice services i.e.. marches Energy Agency and Citizens Advice money & debt advice services

3) referral to DCC Derbyshire Discretionary Fund information here

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/social-health/adult-care-and-wellbeing/benefits-debt-and-legal->

[matters/household-support-fund/household-support-fund.aspx](https://www.highpeak.gov.uk/matters/household-support-fund/household-support-fund.aspx)

4) emergency welfare payments under Household Support Fund

5) Fuel Bank

6) Online energy info and signposting <https://www.highpeak.gov.uk/article/4017/Energy-Efficiency-and-Advice>

7) Derbyshire Healthy Homes

**Q36. Does fuel poverty interlink with your local authority's overall Carbon Reduction Strategy?**

•Yes

• If yes, please can you explain how it does this?

[Towards Carbon Neutrality](#) Section How we Live.

## Local Authority Delivery

**Q37. If your local authority did not apply for funding from the Local Authority Delivery scheme, please indicate which barrier(s) prevented you from applying.**

N/A

**Q38. Does your local authority have access to good quality housing data for on-gas properties?**

No

**Q39. If no, please specify what is lacking.**

Capacity to analyse data sources. EPC confidence. Stock Condition Survey was 2019 so out of date.

## Home Upgrade Grant

**Q40. If your local authority did not apply for funding from the Home Upgrade Grant, please indicate which barrier(s) prevented you from applying.**

N/A

**Q41. Does your local authority have access to good quality housing data for off-gas properties?**

No

**Q42. If no, please specify what is lacking.**

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## The Energy Company Obligation (ECO)

**Q43. Did your local authority have a published Statement of Intent (SoI) for ECO flexibility eligibility under ECO3, during 2022?**

Yes in partnership with Derbyshire County Council Healthy Homes

Please answer the following questions to help us to understand LA Flex delivery in more detail during the course of 2022:

**Q44. How many declarations were issued for low-income vulnerable households during ECO3?**

2

**Q45. How many declarations were issued for Fuel Poor households under ECO3?**

0

**Q46. How many declarations were issued for in-fill under ECO3?**

0

**Q47. What was the highest income cap published in your Sol?**

Single adult	£13,000
Two adults	£23,000
Two adults or more **	£26,000

**Q48. If you have used an income over £30k gross, what reason did you give? N/A**

**Q49. Did you charge for declarations to be signed?**

No

**Q 50. If so, please state how much and how you decided on this figure.**

N/A

**Q51. ECO4 commenced in July 2022, has your local authority published a Statement of Intent (Sol) for ECO flexibility eligibility under ECO4?**

Yes in partnership with Derbyshire County Council

**Q52. If 'No' are there any specific barriers preventing you, from publishing and participating in the scheme?**

N/A

**Q53a. Do you directly engage with energy suppliers either for ECO Flex or other domestic energy efficiency schemes?**

No

**54b. If yes, please provide the name of the scheme and indicate whether this is an LA, Supplier, DESNZ or other organisational run scheme (please specify)**

N/A

**Q55. Which route(s) do you envisage submitting referrals through under ECO4 Flex?**

- Route 1
- Route 3

# Smart Metering

The following questions refer to smart metering advice. Please provide any additional details where possible.

**Q56a. Do you provide smart metering advice when implementing energy efficiency improvements (including through grant schemes such as the Energy Company Obligation and the Home Upgrade Grant) in residential accommodation?**

No

**Q57b. If no, please explain why not, and what plans will be put in place to implement this.**

Work completed by third parties. Householders would be adviser of best metering options to suit technology.

**Q58a. Do you encourage landlords to promote smart meter uptake, e.g., landlord licencing schemes.**

No

**Q59b. If no, please explain why not, and what plans will be put in place to implement this.**

No direct contact with householders. As part of the energy advice from our partners, smart meters may be explored if suitable with reference to accessing best tariffs.

**Q60a. Do you arrange for smart meters to be installed by energy suppliers in vacant social housing premises?**

No

**Q61b. If no, please explain why not, and what plans will be put in place to implement this.**

Housing managed by external agents.