A Warmer Home that saves you energy

Affordable Warmth for home owners and private tenants

Derry City and Strabane District Council
Affordable Warmth Scheme

Your Council is taking part in a new Affordable Warmth Scheme, which is being run in partnership with the Northern Ireland Housing Executive and the Department for Social Development. Council staff will be in your area and may call with you to collect information for the scheme. They will be wearing a Council ID badge and if they call at your home they will ask you to complete a short survey.

The Affordable Warmth Scheme can offer a range of energy efficiency measures to eligible households including:

- Cavity Wall Insulation
- Loft Insulation
- Hot Water Jacket
- Installation/Conversion of a heating system
- Draught Proofing
- Boiler/Radiator Replacement
Home Energy Means

• Getting the most out of the energy that we use
• Keeping heat where it is needed.

A lot of households pay for home energy that is wasted because their home is not fully energy efficient.

Homes with good loft and wall insulation will cost a lot less to heat than a home with no insulation. However it costs money to install these energy efficiency improvements and your Council may be able to help as part of the Affordable Warmth Scheme.

The Council team have already helped hundreds of households to save money with their energy bills, making homes warmer, healthier and more energy efficient.

If someone from the Council calls at your home they will be able to explain more about the Affordable Warmth Scheme.

For further information about energy efficiency please contact NI Direct on 0300 200 7874.

How To Make Home Energy Savings

• Insulating cavity walls
• Full loft insulation
• Not leaving appliances on standby
• Keep your boiler serviced and replace if old
• Ensure there are no draughts from gaps around windows and doors
• Insulate your hot water tank
• Mend dripping hot water taps
• Avoid drying clothes on the radiators
• Don’t block radiators with furniture or curtains
• Switch off lights and appliances after use
• Programme heating to go on/off
• Remember to keep doors closed
• Switch off lights when leaving the room
• Use low energy light bulbs.
QUESTIONS?

How do I know if I will be eligible?

Council staff will call at your home and complete a survey which will be passed on to a team in the Northern Ireland Housing Executive.

Someone from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive will then contact you to arrange a home visit, when they will advise you on what measures you qualify for.

I rent my home from a landlord will I qualify?

Yes. Provided you meet the eligibility criteria, and your Landlord is registered with the Department’s Landlord Registration Scheme. Please talk with the council team and they will provide more details.

I rent my home from the Housing Executive will I qualify?

No.

Does the Council worker need to come into the house?

Not if you don’t want them to.

Who will carry out the work?

You can arrange an installer to carry out the work.

Will other people in my area be contacted as well?

They might be contacted, we will be identifying homes in the area that may be entitled to help under the Affordable Warmth Scheme.

Do I have to be in receipt of a Benefit?

No. Eligibility is based on the household income, you can check if you are receiving all the benefits you are entitled to by contacting the Make the Call Team on: 0800 232 1271

To find out more about the Affordable Warmth Scheme contact your Affordable Warmth Team on 028 7138 1353.