

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

**COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – WEDNESDAY, 23
NOVEMBER 2022**



Title of Report	RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FUEL POVERTY TASK AND FINISH GROUP	
Presented by	Councillor T Eynon Chair of the Fuel Poverty Task and Finish Group	
Background Papers	Notes of the T&F Group meetings are available from Democratic Services Establishment of Fuel Poverty T&F Group report	Public Report: Yes
Financial Implications	There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of the Fuel Poverty Task & Finish Group. However, depending upon how the Council plans to implement the recommendations there are likely to be financial considerations. The financial impact would need to be contained within approved budget resources.	
	Signed off by the Section 151 Officer: Yes	
Legal Implications	There are no legal implications arising from the report of the Task and Finish Group. There may be legal implications arising from the implementation of any recommendations and advice will be provided as necessary.	
	Signed off by the Monitoring Officer: Yes	
Staffing and Corporate Implications		
	Signed off by the Head of Paid Service: Yes	
Reason Agenda Item Submitted to Scrutiny Committee	The Task and Finish Group formed to review the subject of 'Fuel Poverty' has concluded its work and produced the final report with recommendations to be considered by the Community Scrutiny Committee.	
Recommendations	THAT THE COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE CONSIDERS THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FUEL POVERTY TASK AND FINISH GROUP AND DETERMINES THE RECOMMENDATION IT WISHES TO MAKE TO CABINET ON THE MATTER.	

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Task and Finish Group was established by the Community Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 29 June 2022, the scope of the group is detailed within the committee report which is listed in the background papers above.
- 1.2 The Group membership was subsequently agreed as Councillors T Eynon, M Hay, G Hault, R Morris, J Simmons and M Wyatt. Councillor T Eynon was appointed Chair of the Group.
- 1.3 The Group held four meetings over the period from 15 September 2022 and 3 November 2022, which included attendance from a number of officers and external partners who were invited to give evidence. Members would like to formally thank all those that attended to offer their help and support to the Group throughout its review.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TASK AND FINISH GROUP

- 2.1 Attached at appendix A is the final report of the Task and Finish Group which includes a series of recommendations for the Committee to consider and determine what recommendations to make to Cabinet on the matter.
- 2.2 Any recommendations made by the Committee will be presented to Cabinet in due course.

Policies and other considerations	
Council Priorities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Developing a clean and green district- Local people live in high quality, affordable homes- Our communities are safe, healthy and connected
Policy Considerations:	Zero Carbon Roadmap HRA Asset Management Plan
Safeguarding:	N/A
Equalities/Diversity:	The Fuel Poverty Task and Finish Group was established to review the work that the Council is doing to minimise fuel poverty in North West Leicestershire.
Customer Impact:	The Fuel Poverty Task and Finish Group makes recommendations to Community Scrutiny to seek to reduce fuel poverty for customers.
Economic and Social Impact:	Task and Finish Group recommendations to Community Scrutiny include considerations for reducing fuel poverty. The impacts of these recommendations will be considered in a future report to cabinet.

Environment and Climate Change:	Task and Finish Group recommendations to Community Scrutiny include considerations for the Council's housing investment programme including improvement of EPC ratings and more engagement with the private rental sector. The impacts of these recommendations will be considered in a future report to cabinet.
Consultation/Community Engagement:	Engagement with external community partners was undertaken as part of gathering evidence to inform recommendations.
Risks:	N/A
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