

HOME ENERGY CONSERVATION ACT (HECA) UPDATE
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Cabinet Member for Environment and Waste

1 Purpose

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the production of the Council's mandatory production and submission of a HECA report every 2 years, as set out in legislation of 1995 and revised in 2017.

2 Recommendations/for decision

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| 2.1 Cabinet is asked to note the production of the updated HECA Report and approve its publication. |
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3 Supporting information

- 3.1 The attached report was submitted to the Environment and Living Scrutiny Committee on 13 June 2017 and provides an update on the HECA Report produced this year by the National Energy Foundation who have partnered AVDC for many years in order to help the Council address issues such as affordable warmth and fuel poverty through a joined-up and collective approach county-wide.
- 3.2 The production and publication of the Council's HECA report and submission for 2017 is a mandatory requirement of all district and borough council's across the UK and must be carried out every other year (due again in early 2019). The Home Energy Conservation Act (1995) has been reissued by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) in January 2017. The attached report meets their new requirements.
- 3.3 The attached report and appendixes were considered by the Scrutiny Committee who were supportive of the work being done by the Council to address issues such as affordable warmth and fuel policy. Members were informed that Community Impact Bucks bulk bought heating oil and could offer savings to assist people using this fuel in the northern part of the District.
- 3.4 Members were also provided with information on green and renewable energy initiatives, and how this added to the energy mix in the Vale.
- 3.5 Cabinet is asked to note the production of the updated HECA Report and approve its publication.

4 Options considered

- 4.1 None. There is a mandatory requirement for all District and Borough Councils to produce and publish a HECA report every two years.

5 Resource implications

- 5.1 There are no direct additional resource implications relating to this report other than those already funded.