

Minutes of the Fuel Poverty Sub-Committee
Held at the Civic Hall, Uppermill on Wednesday 31st March 2010

There were present Cllr. Mr. Royce Franklin – Chairman
Angela Carr (Oldham Council)
Kath Edwards (Saddleworth PPG)
Julie Holt (NHS Oldham)
Helen Short (Awarm)

7. **Apologies** - Cllr. Mr. Brian Lord, Nicola Shore (Oldham Council / Age Concern)
8. **Report back from meeting between Helen Short & Royce Franklin** – there have been a low number of referrals from Saddleworth. It was suggested that training is needed for people who undertake home visits to enable them to identify people suffering fuel poverty, e.g. Pharmacist deliveries. Pharmacists participate in health campaigns, it may be possible to include Fuel Poverty in the winter health campaign. NHS Oldham are looking at what training can be given to staff to identify people in Fuel Poverty
9. **Oldham Partnership Affordable Warmth Strategy** – A meeting was held in February of stakeholders, draft action plans have been drawn up which will be presented to the Cabinet in June and then Oldham Partnership. The HeatSeekers surveys have been undertaken, due to the weather a total of 4,000 properties were surveyed in Saddleworth & Lees, overall approximately 50% of the properties would benefit from insulation. HeatSeekers will now approach these properties to provide advice, based on similar projects in Greater Manchester it is estimated that 25% will agree to have the work carried out. The properties not surveyed this year will be included in the second phase next winter. It was suggested that Community Champions should be identified across the area to cascade information about Fuel Poverty. A training session for all the Community groups will be held at the Civic Hall on Wednesday 9th June. The training will also include information of the replacement boiler scheme.

An ERDF bid has been submitted for the City region covering Registered Social Landlords and Councils for low carbon technology. First Choice Housing have submitted a bid for the replacement of the District Heating scheme.

Energy monitors can be borrowed at local libraries free of charge.

10. **Date of next meeting** – Wednesday 26th May at 10.00 a.m.