

# Home Energy Conservation Act 2023 Report

Review of spending period 01/04/2021 - 31/03/2023

## Introductory Questions

1. Name of Local Authority

London Borough of Bromley

2. Type of Local Authority

London Borough

3. Name, job title and email address of official submitting report

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## Headline and Overview

4. Does your Local Authority have a current strategy on carbon reduction and/or energy efficiency for domestic properties?

Yes

5. If yes, please provide a link.

<https://www.bromley.gov.uk/downloads/download/362/net-zero-action-plan-performance-reports>

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

Not applicable

7. 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.

Bromley is part of the South London Energy Efficiency Partnership (SLEEP) which is coordinated by the London Borough of Lewisham. Both Charlton Athletic Community Trust (CACT) and South East London Community Energy (SELCE) are delivery partners in Bromley's energy efficiency outreach programs. Within this partnership CACT provide a call centre and social proscripting services and SELCE deliver energy advice. The partnership has secured some funding through the Greater London Authority's (GLA) Warmer Homes Advice Service to provide advice including 128 Healthy Homes sessions and 64 Energy Company Obligation (ECO) referrals. Bromley gave £14k towards the funding of these programs (February 2022).

8. Which, if any, of the following outcomes have been achieved through your energy efficiency and/or carbon initiatives, schemes and services? Please select all that apply.

- Energy savings
- Carbon savings
- Job creation
- Alleviation of fuel poverty
- Improved health outcomes

#### Consumer Advice and Information

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

Yes

10. If yes, please select all that apply

- Local Authority website
- Local advisory service
- 'Find ways to save energy in your home' (formerly Simple Energy Advice) gov.uk website.
- 'Find ways to save energy in your home' gov.uk phonenumber.
- Local Energy Hubs

## Local Retrofit Supply Chain

11. 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

12. If you answered yes, please summarise any specific bottlenecks (or provide a link if this information has been published).

Not applicable

13. Which, if any, of the following actions are you taking to upskill and/or grow your local retrofit installer supply chain?

None of the above

14. 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?

No

15. 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?

Yes – but rarely

16. 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?

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

Not applicable

18. If you answered yes to question 16 please can you tell us, what actions did you take to overcome those barriers (please select all that apply)?

Not applicable

#### Social Housing Decarbonisation

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

No

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

Not applicable

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

Not enough capability

Don't own enough stock

22. Have you carried out/planned to carry out any retrofit work in absence of SHDF funding?

No

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

Not applicable

24. If no, what is/are the main reason(s) for not planning to carry out any retrofit work? Please select all that apply.

There were no retrofit works in progress because the Local Authority did not previously own any housing stock. Now that some housing stock has been acquired, a program of retrofit works may be investigated. However, the majority of the newly acquired homes includes 60 new builds meeting current standards.

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

Unknown

[Domestic Private Rented Sector \(PRS\) Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards \(MEES\) Regulations](#)

26. Do you enforce the PRS MEES Regulations in domestic tenancies

No

27. Do you use the PRS MEES Exemption Register?

No

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

No

29. In the past 2 years, how many domestic private rented properties have you engaged with in respect to enforcement of the PRS MEES Regulations? Please enter the amount /estimated amount.

1

30. In the past 2 years, how many domestic private rented properties have you found to be non-compliant? Please enter the amount /estimated amount.

1

31. In the last 2 years, how many non-compliant properties have been improved to EPC Band E after you have engaged with them? Please enter the amount /estimated amount.

Unknown (in question 30, the EPC rating remains above F, but it is not known whether the property has been let once the landlord was advised)

32. How many compliance notices have you issued in the past 2 years for non-compliance of the PRS MEES Regulations? Please enter the amount /estimated amount.

0

### Green Home Finance

33. 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.

While we do not currently provide this information to customers, there is hope that in the future relevant online materials will be made available through the update of our website.

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

No

35. If yes, please include links to any relevant online materials.

Not applicable

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

No

### Fuel Poverty

37. Does your Local Authority have a Fuel Poverty Strategy?

No

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

This would be identified through any available national datasets.

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

We have our Fuel Poverty outreach partners, South East London Community London Energy (SELCE), whose primary remit is community energy projects but provide outreach and referral work for the fuel poor.

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

No

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

Not applicable

42. If no, is this something you might consider doing or are there barriers to doing this?

This is an area for future consideration. Time and capacity constraints have also hindered the progression of any fuel poverty works.

#### Local Authority Delivery

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

lack of capacity

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

No

45. If no, please specify what is lacking.

Lack of up-to-date data

## Home Upgrade Grant

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

Not applicable

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

No

48. If no, please specify what is lacking

Lack of up-to-date data

## The Energy Company Obligation (ECO)

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

Yes

50. Please answer the following questions to help us to understand LA Flex delivery in more detail during the course of 2022: How many declarations were issued for low-income vulnerable households during ECO3?

Unknown

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

268

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

Unknown

53. What was the highest income cap published in your Statement of Intent (SOI)?

£27,800

54. If you have used an income over £30k gross, what reason did you give?

£27,800 (net) couple, child secondary school age was the highest income cap published in our SOI. The income cap was based on net (after housing and tax) and broken down by household cap.

55. Did you charge for declarations to be signed?

Unknown

56. If so, please state how much and how you decided on this figure.

Not applicable

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

No

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

Lack of capacity

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

No

60. 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)

Not applicable

61. Which route(s) do you envisage submitting referrals through under ECO4 Flex? Select all that apply.

Not applicable.

[Smart Metering](#)

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

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

Our partners SELCE and CACT may provide advice about smart metering during energy advice sessions.

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

No

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

Minimum EPC requirements are criteria within licensing standards. Uptake of smart meters is considered beyond the scope of works.

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

No

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

Not applicable as the council did not own any housing stock that has been vacant in the last reporting period.