

Report of: Chair of Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee

Meeting of	Date	Ward(s)
Executive	16 July 2015	All

Non-exempt

Subject: Fuel Poverty Scrutiny Review

1. Synopsis

- 1.1 This report requests that the Executive receive the recommendations in relation to the Fuel Poverty scrutiny review, following completion of the scrutiny. An update on the recommendations set out in the report will be provided to a future meeting of the Executive.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 To receive the report of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee.

3. Background

- 3.1 In October 2014 the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee commenced a scrutiny to explore and understand the impact of fuel poverty on households, existing policies and strategies to alleviate fuel poverty in both the short and long term and the opportunities for Islington to provide assistance and support to residents.

4. Implications

4.1 Financial Implications

The proposals in the review would need to be costed by the Executive.

4.2 Legal Implications

There are no legal implications at this stage.

4.3 Environmental implications

There are no environmental implications as the decision being sought is only for the Executive to consider the recommendations.

4.4 Resident Impact Assessment

The council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations, between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it (section 149 Equality Act 2010). The council has a duty to have due regard to the need to remove or minimise disadvantages, take steps to meet needs, in particular steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, and encourage people to participate in public life. The council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding.

A Resident Impact Assessment has not been completed because the decision being sought is only for the Executive to consider the recommendations.

5. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

- 5.1 The Fuel Poverty Scrutiny Review concluded that although much work was already being done to address fuel poverty in the borough, further work should be done to co-ordinate work by various groups and offer a more holistic approach to solving the problem of fuel poverty.

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