

SCRUTINY REVIEW INITIATION DOCUMENT (SID) DRAFT

Review: **Fuel Poverty**

Scrutiny Review Committee: **Environment and Regeneration**

Director leading the Review: **Kevin O'Leary**

Lead Officer: **John Kolm-Murray**

Overall aim:

To explore and understand the impact of fuel poverty on households, existing policies and strategies to alleviate, and the opportunities for Islington to provide assistance and support to our residents

Objectives of the review:

To understand the extent of fuel poverty in Islington and the impact of cold, damp homes on health and wellbeing.

To understand the benefits available to Islington residents when addressing fuel poverty and how we deliver them.

Exploring how support can be provided to residents by:

- **The council**
- **Central government**
- **Energy suppliers**

To understand the extent and impact of fuel debt.

How is the review to be carried out: (Use separate sheets as necessary for 1-4 below)

Scope of the Review

Types of evidence will be assessed by the review: (add additional categories as needed)

1. Documentary submissions:

- **Overview and cost benefit summary of current initiatives**
- **Draft NICE guidance on reducing excess winter deaths through addressing cold homes**
- **DECC Fuel Poverty Strategy 2014**

2. It is proposed that witness evidence be taken from:

- i. **November/December - Local projects and strategy, health impacts**
LBI Seasonal Health & Affordable Warmth Team (John Kolm-Murray), UCL Institute of Health Equity (Dr Jessica Allen)/London School of Hygiene and

Tropical Medicine (Prof Paul Wilkinson) and Islington CCG

- ii. December/February - National programmes and strategy, fuel debt
National Energy Action (Maria Wardrobe/Peter Smith), Citizens Advice Service (William Baker) and DECC Fuel Poverty Team (Gareth Baynham-Hughes)
- iii. February/March – Suppliers, other landlords
Energy UK (Lawrence Slade/Sofia Gkiousou), EDF/British Gas Peabody (Tessa Barraclough), Southern Housing (William Routh), Generation Rent (Alex Hilton)

3. Visits
None proposed

Additional Information:

Programme

Key output:	To be submitted to Committee on:
1. Scrutiny Initiation Document	2 nd Oct. 2014
2. Timetable	13 th Nov 2014, 11 th Dec 2014, 3 rd Feb 2015, 16 March 2015
3. Interim Report	?
4. Final Report	?