

# Sustainable Warmth Scheme Overview

## Climate Change Scrutiny Panel

24 January 2022

# Aims

- Provide Members with an overview of grants and support Council is involved with
- Particular focus on Local Authority Delivery grants
- Upcoming Sustainable Warmth Scheme
- Potential future grants and opportunities for residents

# Background

- Legally binding target to be net zero in UK by 2050
- Heating homes around 10% of UK's carbon footprint
- Around 54,000 homes in Fareham
- 20,412 homes with Band D or below Energy Performance rating in Borough
- Estimated modelling of around 34,000 homes of Band D and below

# Local Authority Delivery (LAD) Funding

- Focus on low income households living in less efficient homes
- Phase 1 - August 2020: Councils applied for funding directly
  - Fareham still developing approach to Climate Change
  - Limited resources to apply in limited timeframe
- Phase 2 - March 2021: Funding allocated to Regional Energy Hubs to run scheme
- £8.6m allocated to the Solent Area

# Local Authority Delivery (LAD) 2:

- City Energy running scheme in Solent
- Launched September 2021
- Aimed at households earning £30,000 or less
- Living in homes with an Energy Performance Rating (EPC) of D and below
- Also help fund up to 2/3 of costs to private and social landlords
- Deadline for applications extended from January to March 2022

# Installation types

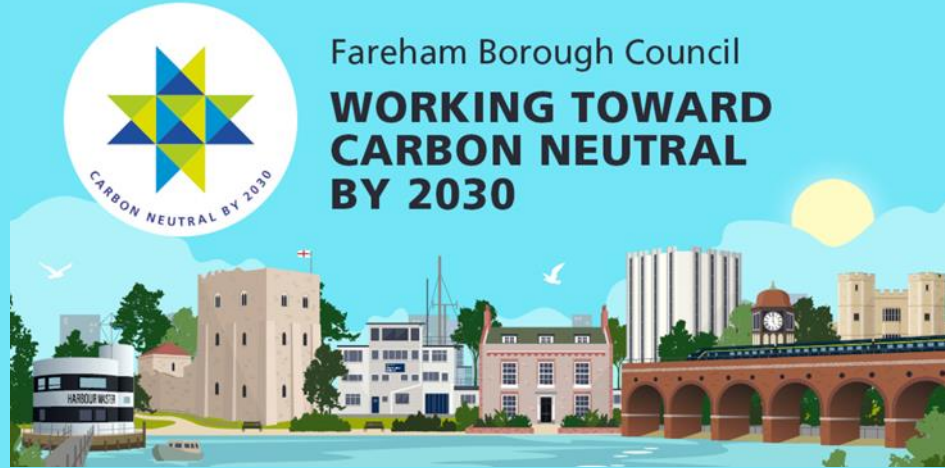
- Will pay up to £10,000 to install:
  - Solar Photovoltaic – usually install this as a minimum
  - Underfloor Insulation
  - Loft Insulation
  - Cavity Wall Insulation
  - Smart Heating Controls
- Also help fund up to 2/3 or £10,000 of costs to Private and Social Landlords

# Customer Journey

1. Application:
  - Online via Council website
  - Or phone 02920 499 183
2. Eligibility criteria checked
3. Home visit to assess:
  - Suitability of property
  - What measures would have the most impact
4. Local suppliers to install measures
  - Encountered local supply chain issues for Loft and Cavity installation

# Council role

- Support and promote the scheme to residents
- Use funding to contribute to costs of improvements to Council housing stock





# Results so far

- Originally allocated funding for 45 properties across the Borough
- Received 140 applications
- So far approved 66 properties for installation
- More than **40** are Council properties
- Further Council properties to be identified following extension
- Still time to increase numbers
- Additional promotion until end of March

# Portsmouth consortium

- Joined September 2021
- Currently 22 Councils based in:
  - Hampshire
  - Sussex
  - East Midlands
- We can apply for grants that we would not have resources to apply for or manage e.g. Sustainable Warmth

# Sustainable Warmth Overview

- This is LAD 3
- Same focus on low income households living in less efficient homes
- Greater emphasis on Air Source Heat Pumps, Insulation and Solar PV
- However, less potential for support for Council housing



# Sustainable Warmth Scheme Overview

- Decision published 8 December 2021:
- £430m allocated
- 57 successful schemes
- Portsmouth Consortium allocated £15.7m
- Minimum of £250,000 per Council
- Additional funding for communications
- Confirm approach within the next month

# Potential Future Grants

- Likely consortium bids for:
- **Home Upgrade Grant 2:**  
Focus on heat pumps for Off-Gas homes
- **Warmer Homes Grant:** Focus on air source heat pumps
- Working with communications



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# Better energy deal for residents

- IChoosr scheme
- Group buying of renewable electricity
- No obligation to switch tariff
- County wide promotion:
- Round 1 in Spring
- Round 2 in Summer



# 2<sup>nd</sup> round of Solar Together

- Likely this summer
- Group buying of solar panels
- Pre-vetted installers
- No obligation



# Questions?