

# Item 8 - Local Energy Advice (LEAP) Partnership

09 March Climate Change Scrutiny Panel

# Advice and Support

- FBC signed up to:
- **Connect for Help**
- **The Local Energy Advice Partnership (LEAP)**
- Free energy saving advice and visits
- Also energy improvement measures



# Funding

- Both schemes free to residents and the Council
- Funded by energy suppliers under Warm Home Discount initiatives
- Funded by six of the largest companies e.g. British Gas

# Who is eligible?

- Residents will be eligible if one of the below apply:
- Have a low income
- Receive tax credits
- Receive Housing Benefit
- Receive an income or disability related benefit
- Have a long term illness or disability

# Connect for Help

- Energy supplier, bill or meter advice
- Identify best energy tariff
- Free money advice consultation
- Find funding for further energy-saving home improvements
- Direct to support e.g. charities
- Potential referral for first time central heating



# Local Energy Advice Partnership (LEAP)

- Runs from 1 July to 31 March each year
- Offers same energy advice and support as **Connect for Help** and:
- A home energy visit
- A range of referrals to additional schemes



# How to apply


- Officers can refer residents directly
- Residents can apply themselves



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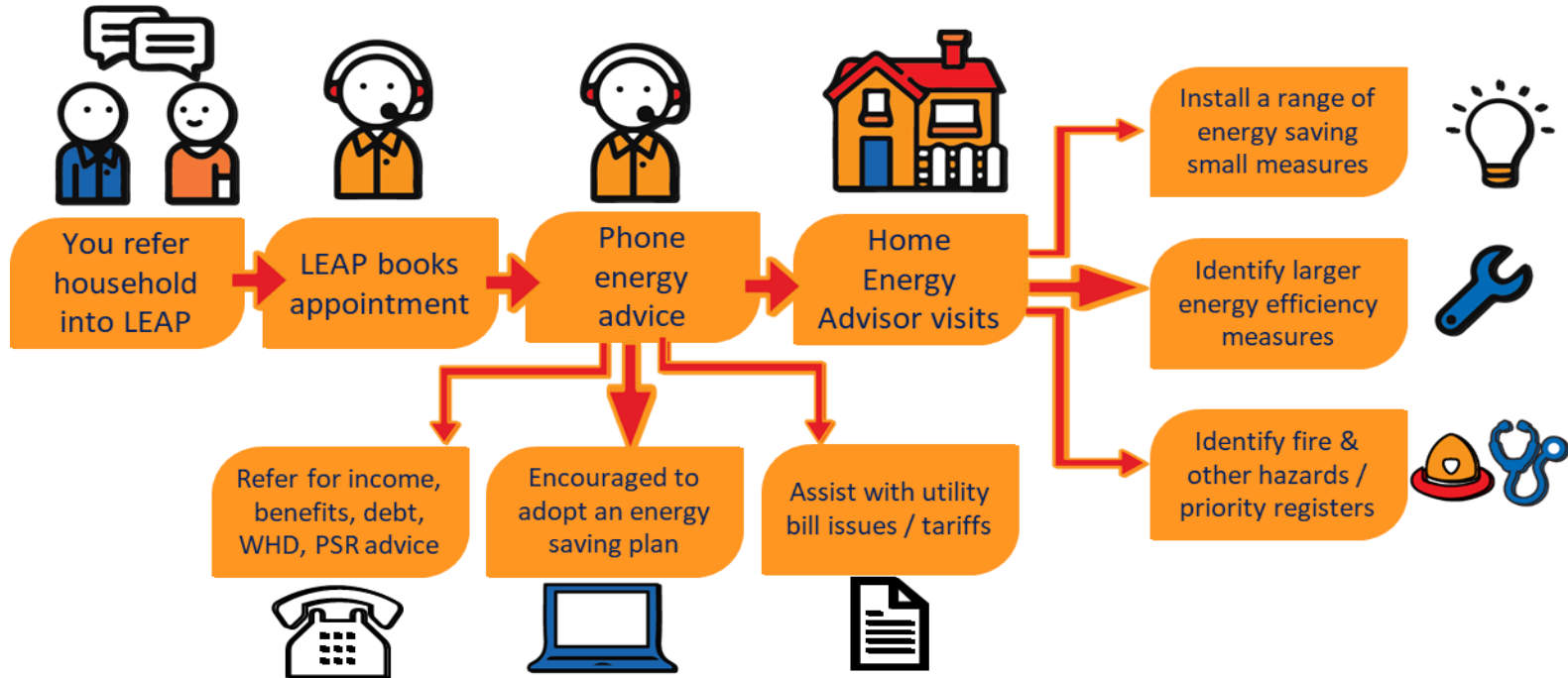
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# How does LEAP work?





# Home Energy Visit

- Covid safe
- Full visit lasts up to 90 minutes
- Assess:
  - Loft
  - Cavity
  - Heating
- Fit small measures
- Follow up visit for 30 – 45 minutes



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# Additional schemes to be referred to

- **Warmer homes fund:** Free central heating to replace inefficient heating systems e.g. storage heaters or open fires
- **My Eco Homes:** Funding for insulation and heating measures
- **HEART** Free replacement of old or inefficient appliances e.g. fridge

# Additional schemes to be referred to continued

- **ECHO (Emergency Central Heating Offer):** Emergency assistance to repair or replace broken or condemned boilers
- **April 2022 to March 2023:**
- **Sustainable Warmth Scheme:** Up to £10,000 energy saving or generation measures.

# Next Steps

- Customer facing officer training on referrals
- Internal and external communications




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