

Proposed Amendment - Private Sector Housing Renewal Insulation Schemes

Amendment 1

1. 'Cavity wall and loft insulation grants'

Aimed at improving the housing of lower income households and those that have been hit by the recession and do not currently qualify for free insulation, with particular focus on those in Private Rented Housing. To include: Households where a member has been made redundant/lost overtime/taken lower paid work/with an unemployed relative in the household; those who earn less than £16,000 pa income; families with children with an income below £22,000 pa; and those between the ages of 60-70.

To insert 'with a household income below £30,000pa' at the end of the follow sentence- Households where a member has been made redundant/lost overtime/taken lower paid work/with an unemployed relative in the household.

The reason being that it was realise that no financial limit on income was provided for this grant and it is felt appropriate to include such a restriction.

Amendment 2

That Part B of the Mobile Home Site Energy Efficiency Improvements Grant the following scheme is withdrawn:

The follow paragraphs be removed

2. That the Portfolio Holder is provided with delegated powers to agree suitable schemes under part B of the *Mobile Home Site Energy Efficiency Improvements* grant

Part B: It is proposed that an improved heating scheme for a mobile home site be set up, for example community heating scheme, provision of mains gas and/or renewable energy generation by e.g. heat pumps. Since a detailed scheme has yet to be decided upon, it is requested that powers be delegated to the Economic Development, Planning and Housing to agree to such a scheme at a later date. Expenditure £125,000

And that the final sentence of Part A is amended from ' The scheme would initially allow 15 homes to be improved with insulation and cladding. Expenditure: £125,000' to ' The scheme would initially allow 30 homes to be improved with heating, insulation and cladding works. Expenditure: £250,000'

It is felt inappropriate at this time to agree Part B of the Mobile Home Site Energy Efficiency Improvements Grant for the following reason;

1. That a communal schemes which do not necessarily help those households most in need. That the principle to help maintain the living condition of the most needy should be a priority.
2. The communal aspect means that it is not clear whether the mobile home site owners will be prepared to consider such schemes.
3. The criteria for awarding the grant is very broad and is not specific about the benefits that a scheme should realise.
4. That the scheme doesn't clearly state how sites owned by the council should be treated should a bid be made. Acceptance of a proposal on council site may be seem as favouritism and may preclude council site occupier from making an application.

It is proposed that it is preferable to increase the funding for individual vulnerable mobile home owners experiencing the greatest effects of cold and fuel poverty. That Part A of the scheme is credited with the funding proposed for Part B increasing the expenditure on part A to £250,000.

Amendment 3

That Appendix A will be amended to reflect the above