

## Report of the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Asset Management

### Household Energy Survey

#### 1. Purpose of Report

To seek agreement from Cabinet to circulate a Household Energy Survey.

#### 2. Recommendation

**Cabinet is asked to CONSIDER the consultation questions detailed in the Appendix and RESOLVE accordingly.**

#### 3. Detail

In November 2023, the Council entered into an agreement with the University of Nottingham (Department of Architecture and the Built Environment) to gain a comprehensive understanding of the housing stock within the Borough.

This is to help produce a roadmap that will support decarbonisation efforts and will identify cost-effective retrofit investment to maximise carbon emission reductions. This is a key area of focus as 32% of the Borough's emissions comes from heating and lighting homes.

The outcome of this work will also help to enhance the Council's preparedness to meet the UK's net zero target by 2050.

As part of this initiative, the consultants are also looking at fuel poverty within the Borough. Fuel poverty is defined as a household that is:

- Living in a property with an energy efficiency rating of band D-G
- Has a disposable income (income after housing costs and energy needs) that would fall below the poverty line. The poverty line was £17,300 in the 2023 dataset. (Source: Commons Library Research Briefing, Fuel Poverty, Feb 2024)

To facilitate this, the Council is looking to conduct a Household Energy survey from 27 November 2024 until 31 January 2025. The survey will be undertaken during the winter as it will help to capture the impact of cold weather on energy expenses.

The survey, detailed in the **Appendix**, will not only support the research being undertaken by the University but will also contribute to the development of the Council's own Fuel Poverty Strategy.

The survey will be available on-line and via email me. There will also be paper copies available at a number of locations across the Borough, including the Council Offices and Libraries.

4. Key Decision

Not applicable.

5. Updates from Scrutiny

Not applicable.

6. Financial Implications

The comments from the Head of Finance Services were as follows:

The consultation with local residents will provide useful feedback to inform the Council's own Fuel Poverty Strategy. There are no additional financial implications for the Council at this consultation stage, with nominal costs being contained within existing budgets.

7. Legal Implications

The comments from the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal Services were as follows:

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report

8. Human Resources Implications

Not applicable.

9. Union Comments

Not applicable.

10. Climate Change Implications

The climate change implications are contained within the report.

11. Data Protection Compliance Implications

This report does not contain any OFFICIAL(SENSITIVE) information and there are no Data Protection issues in relation to this report.

12. Equality Impact Assessment

Not applicable.

13. Background Papers

Nil.