

# Summary Fair Treatment Assessment (FTA)

<b>Area for Assessment:</b>		
<b>Name of service or function etc</b>	Solihull's Home Energy Efficiency and Affordable Warmth Strategy (HEEAWS)	
<b>Which Service does this affect?</b>	Community and Economic Regeneration - Housing Strategy	
<b>Is this a new, existing or revised function?</b>	To inform revised strategy	
<b>Summary of findings:</b>		
<b>Main conclusions on the likely impact of the proposed savings on different equality groups (protected characteristics):</b>		
<p>The purpose of Solihull's Home Energy Efficiency and Affordable Warmth Strategy is to guide the Council and partner agencies in committing resources to three linked objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To improve the energy efficiency of domestic dwellings in Solihull</li> <li>2. To work towards the reduction of fuel poverty throughout the Borough</li> <li>3. To support the emerging 'green economy' through investment in housing (retrofitting) to maximise local opportunities for training, jobs and business</li> </ol> <p>As identified in this assessment the HEEAWS aims to ensure that all households and in particular the vulnerable have access to an affordable heating regime. We work with numerous internal and external partners to provide timely support and advice to reduce the incidences of fuel poverty and seasonal excess winter deaths. We are aware that certain groups i.e. the elderly and in particular those that live alone, people with a disability and those with health conditions, people on low incomes, and families with young children are more likely to be living in fuel poverty. In some instances emergency assistance as provided by the Winter Warmth campaign could be the difference between life and death.</p> <p>The new strategy and Action plan will be formally launched later in 2011. This finalised strategy will take into account and build on the findings of this Fair Treatment Assessment.</p>		
<b>Actions</b>		
<b>Actions identified to address negative impacts identified or to better promote equality, human rights, cohesive and sustainable communities and safeguarding issues</b>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Timescale</b>
Need to complete race/ethnicity monitoring to confirm that there are no negative impacts as part of the Winter Warmth Campaign hotline operated by Solihull Community Housing.	Ensure there are no differential impacts between people and households on the grounds of race/ethnicity if they don't speak English.	March 2012
Continue with Affordable Warmth Training Programme in 2011/12	Ensure key workers recognise households that may be fuel poor and to refer vulnerable residents to sources of advice and assistance on energy efficiency and affordable warmth	March 2012
Consideration of easy-read or large print information for those who require this.	Consider the needs of working age Solihull people with learning disabilities, sensory needs, mental health conditions, physical disabilities etc.	March 2012
New tenancy workshops to advise new tenants about the costs of their tenancies.	Ensure Decent Homes work is available on all types of properties (including high rise blocks) and those on low income are protected from a higher risk of fuel poverty.	March 2012
<b>Date Assessment Signed Off</b>	March 2011	