

Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 2020/2021

Actions meeting 8 December 2020

	Task	Assigned to	Deadline	Noted by	Progress/Comments
19	Increasing Cycling in the District				
	To include in the work programme recommendations and conclusions to presentation by Sustrans, to improve cycling in South Kesteven.	Democratic Services	11 January 2021	Susan Hislop	Complete. Included on agenda for meeting on 24 January 2021
20	Emerging Carbon Reduction Plan				
	1. The Sustainability and Climate Change Officer to include properties within the HRA to the list of potential projects, subject to HRA agreement.	Sustainability and Climate Change Officer	16 January 2021	Susan Hislop	Response received 15 January 2021 – Projects that target the energy efficiency of HRA properties will be considered within the scope of the carbon reduction plan. A project to upgrade heating systems at Manor Court, Bourne, is ongoing and expected to complete within this financial year. It is expected for this upgrade to see an appreciable decrease in gas used for the site, which will contribute to a reduction for SKDC's carbon footprint. Post-project monitoring will take place to understand energy and carbon savings made.
	2. The Sustainability and Climate Change Officer to discuss with HRA colleagues the feasibility of alternative energy sources	Sustainability and Climate Change Officer	16 January 2021	Susan Hislop	Response received 15 January 2021 – Regarding the planned upgrade of HRA properties off the gas grid, the ongoing use of solid fuel was discussed with colleagues. The decision replace solid fuel heating within

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within the Council's housing portfolio.				<p>these properties was based on concerns around affordability of fuel and fuel poverty, particularly for more vulnerable residents, and for local air quality where wood fired systems are known to contribute particulates to the atmosphere which are detrimental to health. These systems can be low carbon, however this is contingent on specific fuels being used. Whilst a small number of properties may be eligible to receive the Renewable Heat Incentive grant (dependent on the specification of the system installed), the documentation required for domestic systems is quite prescriptive, with a tenant being required to keep a record of fuel type purchased for the last seven years amongst other criteria.</p> <p>It was noted that the government grant discussed, the Green Homes Grant, does not as a rule provide funding for solid fuel systems. The application included upgrades to electrically powered air source heat pumps, which are eligible for this funding.</p> <p>Additionally, the installation of solar panels with battery storage continues for properties which have the appropriate roof space needed.</p>