

ACTION	EXAMPLE	TIMING
i)	LOCAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY AMBITIONS AND PRIORITIES	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fuel Poverty levels in Ryedale District Council (RDC) using the Low Income High Cost indicator have risen to 3,636 households (15.95%) according to the most recent data available (2014). This is a rise from 2,583 households (11.1%) in 2011 (the year LIHC reporting was introduced). In previous years RDC had seen a reduction in fuel poverty levels, and whilst the exact reasons for this rise cannot be stated it is noted that the same spike occurred from 2013-2014 for all local authorities in North Yorkshire. This is thought to be attributable to a combination of lower than average increases in disposable income combined with rising energy bills pushing more people into fuel poverty. This is exacerbated by the high proportion of hard to treat and off gas housing stock in the Ryedale area. RDC seeks to reduce the total number of households in fuel poverty. • Our total per capita emissions are currently 9.5tco2, down from 11.4tco2 in 2010 (according to the most recent 2014 data). Domestic emissions are also down to 2.3tco2 from 3 tco2 over the same period. RDC will endeavour to reduce emissions further through engaging with partners and residents to increase energy efficiency. • RDC seeks to increase the proportion of domestic energy generated from renewable sources. In partnership with YES Energy Solutions we will continue to signpost residents to local, procured installers for a range of renewable technology and finance options. • RDC seeks to increase the support to residents living in hard to treat properties. Ryedale will work in partnership with YES Energy Solutions to investigate developing initiatives to support solid wall insulation across the district. Opportunities to maximise project funding by taking advantage of enhanced ECO support under ‘infill’ flexible eligibility will be investigated. • Due to the large proportion of off-gas properties in Ryedale, RDC will continue its partnership with Scarborough Borough Council and encourage suitable residents to join our Oil Cooperative. We aim to help a further 100+ householders join the scheme and order oil at a reduced cost within the next two years. • Improving energy efficiency in existing housing stock is a priority for RDC, and is as one of the nine strategic 	On-going

	<p>priorities for the regional York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Housing Strategy 2015-2021; “Ensure all homes have a positive impact on health and wellbeing and are affordable to run”. This is included in the Ryedale District Council Private Sector Housing Action Plan 2015-2021.</p>	
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ii) MEASURES WE ARE TAKING TO RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS OF OUR RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION

Green Deal and ECO

- Our new energy efficiency programme “Ryedale Energy Saver Scheme” was launched in December 2016, working in partnership with YES Energy Solutions. This scheme blends ECO funding and financial support from RDC (Ryedale District Council Energy Efficiency Grant and Ryedale Council Property Improvement Loan) to enable residents to improve the energy efficiency of their homes. Both parties will continue to ensure that Ryedale’s residents can benefit from funding through ECO.
- Since the ECO scheme started in 2013 1,062 ECO measures have been installed in 866 properties in Ryedale (to December 2016). This equated to 37 households per 1,000 benefitting from ECO measures which is significantly below the Yorkshire and Humber region average of 76. RDC will continue to work with YES Energy Solutions to increase the number of households benefitting from the ECO scheme.
- We will continue to work with partners to raise awareness of Government Initiatives which we will advertise using our website, local press, members’ bulletins and through our Parish Councils.
- We will continue to develop initiatives to help and support residents with solid walled properties.
- To the end of December 2016 (most recent data available) 3 households in Ryedale had live or completed Green Deal Plans, 9 households had benefitted from the Green Deal Home Improvement Fund, and 852 households had had a Green Deal assessment carried out. The Green Deal Home Improvement Fund and Green Deal schemes are both now finished. RDC will continue to promote any future Government backed finance scheme as well as the Councils own financial assistance packages
- From April 2017 the ECO scheme will be in a transition period for 18 months, during which time new ‘flexible eligibility’ rules will be introduced to allow Local Authorities to declare residents that do not meet the ‘Help to Heat ‘(HHCRO) criteria to be supported under the scheme. RDC will work with YES Energy Solutions to use flexible eligibility to ensure that its residents who are in fuel poverty, or on a low income and vulnerable to the effects of living in a cold home, can receive funding for energy efficiency improvements under the scheme. We aim to publish our statement of intent by summer 2017

Feed in Tariffs scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since the FIT scheme launched in 2010 1,314 households in Ryedale have benefitted from the scheme. There have also been four community installations supported by the scheme – two solar and two hydroelectric. • In the last two years (March 2015-2017) 316 households have installed solar PV under the FiT scheme • RDC will continue to support and encourage residents who wish to install these technologies. In partnership with YES Energy Solutions we will continue to signpost residents to local, procured installers for a range of renewable technology and finance options. 	
Renewable Heat Incentive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RDC has installed renewable heating technologies on its own property portfolio, including an Air Source Heat Pump at Ryedale House. We will encourage other public bodies to take up the option of the RHI. • RDC is awaiting data from Ofgem for households benefitting from the domestic RHI in Ryedale, and will update this report once the information is available. • RDC will continue to support and encourage residents who wish to install renewable heat technologies, especially those that are not connected to the gas network. In partnership with YES Energy Solutions we will continue to signpost residents to local, procured installers for a range of renewable technology and finance options. 	
Minimum standards in the private rental sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to limited resources a proactive enforcement campaign is not planned. RDC will continue to work with landlords to ensure that minimum standards are met. If during the course of its inspection work RDC becomes aware that the minimum standards are not being met (no EPC or EPC below E) advice will be given to the landlord and a referral made to North Yorkshire County Council for enforcement action. • RDC will seek to utilise our Landlords Forum to highlight the upcoming minimum standards in the private rental sector, and the action that Landlords need to take by April 2018 to be compliant. Working with YES Energy Solutions we will highlight the support and funding available to landlords to improve the EPC rating of their properties. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RDC will continue to offer financial incentives and investigate external funding options in order to target private landlords and to encourage take up of energy efficiency/renewable technologies. 	
Smart meters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As part of the national rollout programme the next two years will see an increase in the number of households receiving a smart meter from their energy supplier. The Council welcomes this scheme and where appropriate will look to work in partnership with suppliers and the Government to increase coverage of these meters across Ryedale. The Council will consider its role in how it can encourage its social housing tenants to take up a smart meter, using its tenants' newsletter and social media channels. RDC will also look to ensure that frontline staff are trained about the benefits of smart meters and can support vulnerable residents, and will seek to access any funding that becomes available to support this activity. 	2020
Fuel switching and bulk oil purchase	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over the period March 2015-March 2017 19 homes in Ryedale that were in -or at risk of- fuel poverty have received an assisted connection to mains gas under the Fuel Poor network Extension Scheme. RDC will continue to work with NGN to support off gas residents connect to mains gas. As an area with a high proportion of households off-gas RDC has a significant number of households reliant on oil for their primary source of heating. In partnership with Scarborough Borough Council we have actively encouraged Oil Cooperatives throughout the district to assist in alleviating fuel poverty. To date 157 households in Ryedale have joined the co-operative, and in the last two years 250 individual oil orders have been placed benefitting from reduced costs. In partnership with Scarborough Borough Council we have joined ichoosr's collective switch for gas and electricity consumption. Residents are offered an opportunity to switch to a lower tariff 3 times per year. It is envisaged that up to £200 per year can be saved from a household's annual fuel bill through this approach. In the last two years over 310 households in Ryedale have registered to use this scheme, and it continues to be promoted to all residents. 	On-going

iii) MEASURES WE PROPOSE TO COST EFFECTIVELY DELIVER ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS IN RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION BY USING AREA BASED/STREET BY STREET ROLL OUT.		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ryedale sits on the North Yorkshire Health and Wellbeing board which is made up from local authorities and Clinical commissioning groups (CCG's). A cross agency winter strategy was launched in 2015, and a successful bid for funding led to the 'Warm and Well in North Yorkshire' scheme running across the seven districts, including Ryedale, from October 2015 – December 2016. Across North Yorkshire the scheme helped over 4,000 households and achieved over £60,000 worth of savings and financial gains for households as well as many practical interventions, and created a first-of-its kind winter health single point of contact for North Yorkshire. The breakdown by Local Authority area is not yet available. • The Warm and Well in North Yorkshire scheme has now come to end but RDC, along with other partners, is committed to partnership working to continue to support residents at risk of fuel poverty. The Health and Wellbeing board is currently looking to secure additional funding to support this work. • Cold Snaps Warm Homes – RDC worked with Rural Action Yorkshire, North Yorkshire County Council Public Health, and Northern Gas Networks to identify and support households who are living in a cold home and who are at risk of fuel poverty in the Ryedale District. Thermal images were taken of all houses across three villages, Burythorpe, Weaverthorpe and Wass. The thermal images enabled us to identify heat loss from homes and provide personalised information and advice on what could be done to improve energy efficiency. The initiative had strong involvement from the Parish Councils and local volunteers and created and encouraged conversations within the community and between residents. 260 households attended the three village events (30% of households) and received advice on home energy efficiency. • RDC will work with YES Energy Solutions to develop two area based initiatives targeting off-gas Service Villages in rural Ryedale. These projects will assess the feasibility of access to the gas network, and offer a whole house approach to energy efficiency improvements. • RDC will work with YES Energy Solutions to investigate the feasibility of a targeted scheme to support Park Home residents to access funding for park home insulation and heating upgrades. Whole house energy advice will also be provided for residents, including energy saving measures and fuel switching. 	<p>By end December 2018</p> <p>By end December 2018</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RDC plan to continue the Ryedale Energy Saver Scheme in partnership with YES Energy Solutions and offer residents financial support towards domestic energy saving measures. The scheme is closely linked to ECO and the amount of support available for different measures will be dictated by trends in the ECO scheme 	
iv) TIME FRAME FOR DELIVERY AND NATIONAL AND LOCAL PARTNERS		
	<p>RDC is committed to working with the following partners to achieve our ambitions and priorities, and will actively work in partnership to access funding and support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Yorkshire County Council, City of York council and the other district authorities within North Yorkshire • East Riding of Yorkshire Council • YES Energy Solutions, a Community Interest Company delivering sustainability projects across Yorkshire and the Humber. • White Rose Home Improvement Agency • Age UK • Rural Action Yorkshire (RAY). • Kirkbymoorside Environment group • Elder Persons Forum • Choices 4 energy • Ichoosr • NEA • NGN • Yorkshire Housing 	