

## 2007 National Home Energy Conference, Belfast, 16-18 May

### Flip chart notes from HECA Review Seminar Day 1 (+ day 2 where indicated)

#### Part 1 - HECA Review

1. Do you agree with outcome of workshops? Any key points not considered?
  - Has Hecamon data been used to check findings of review – eg questions on take up of measures (more people take action from advice provision)
  - Invitees to stakeholder workshop quite narrowly drawn - you could ask other professions – eg planners
  - Have you looked at Welsh model? Use of carrot and stick approach through Policy Agreements, plus standard methodology for reporting
  - The fact that HECA doesn't allow reporting on micro-generation (classed as fuel switching) is an issue
  - Has review considered HECA Officer roles and status?
  - Non-statutory targets seen as a problem
  
2. Views on future of HECA
  - Does need to change but don't want it to stop
  - Amendments or a big bang?
  - Must become statutory/mandatory
  - Needs resourcing – eg Pot/bidding based against plans – linked to results
  - Need for mentoring
  - Supportive of moving towards carbon targets and education on carbon
  - Risk – will we spread ourselves too thinly (with move to carbon)
  - Transition from energy efficiency to low carbon economy

Result of show of hands on options going forward:

- Continue unchanged? – 0
- Keep HECA but amend? – 13
- Need alternative approach? - 5

#### Day 2 seminar results:

- Continue unchanged? – 0
- Keep HECA but amend? – 23
- Need alternative approach? - 2

#### Part 2 – Local Government Performance Indicators

Which indicator/methodology for residential sector should be included in performance framework?

- Could use both SAP and CO<sub>2</sub> derived from actual fuel consumption (Oliver commented this is what the HECA Review Workshop decided upon)
- Problems with using meter readings – needs degree day data, need to include all fuels, need to consider renewable input measurement
- Role of energy end use directive

## **Part 3 – Energy Measures Report Consultation**

### **1. Other existing sources of guidance the Report should reference?**

- EEPH Publications
- LA Energy Day Toolkit
- Regional Energy Strategies
- Beacon Council Tackling Fuel Poverty Toolkit
- NEA publications inc. developing/implementing strategies
- EAGA Charitable Trust
- Guidance on LA powers – well-being, powers to borrow, powers to trade
- CIPFA Guide on Prudential Borrowing
- Building for Climate Change
- Guidance on other climate change impacts eg on health/flooding/emergency planning

### **2. Where are the key gaps and weaknesses in existing guidance?**

- Adaptation – LGA/IDEA (Climate Change and Local Communities?)
- Behavioural change and accessibility of information

### **3. How might the Report approach the needs and perspectives of different types of LA?**

- The Audit Commission's four categories of authority
- Demographics/housing tenure
- Reference to segmentation model
- Look at cross-cutting benefits

*Day 2 Seminar:*

- Regional
- Urban/rural