

National Home Energy Conference 2007

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HECA Review Workshop

- HECA Review: Recommendations of stakeholder workshops
- New Local Government Performance Framework
- Consultation on the 'Energy Measures Report'

HECA Review

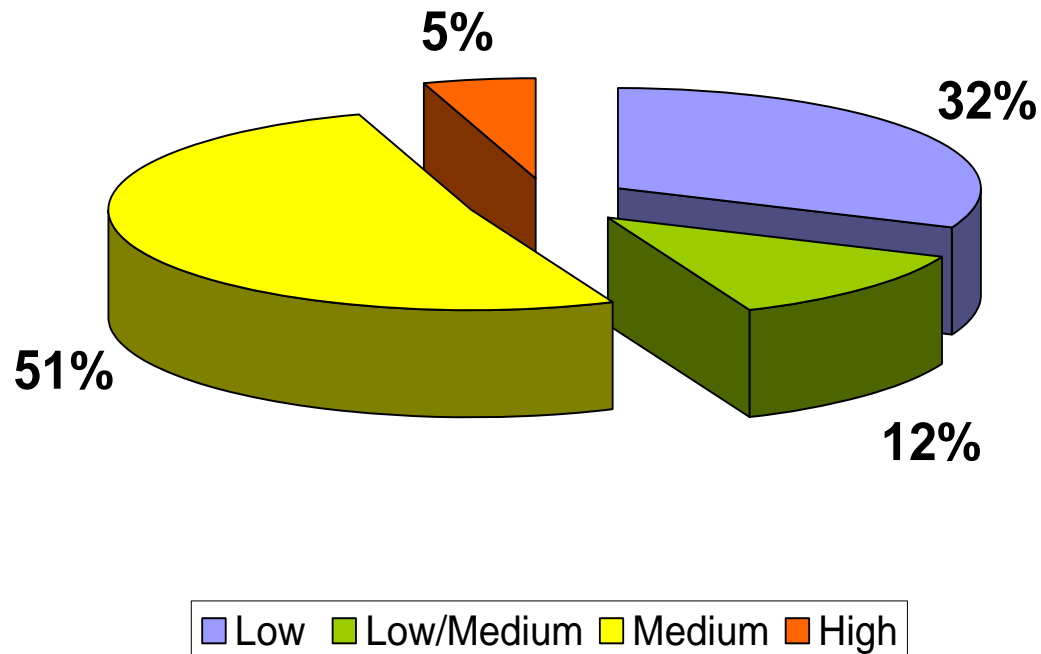
- Has HECA delivered its overall objectives?
- Has the HECA reporting process been effective?

Stakeholder discussions

- HECA raised energy efficiency up the LA agenda and resources were allocated to collect data and produce report.
- Authorities have reported an overall improvement in domestic energy efficiency of approximately 16.7% as measured against a 1996 baseline

Stakeholder discussions

To what extent did HECA raise the importance of energy efficiency in Local Authorities



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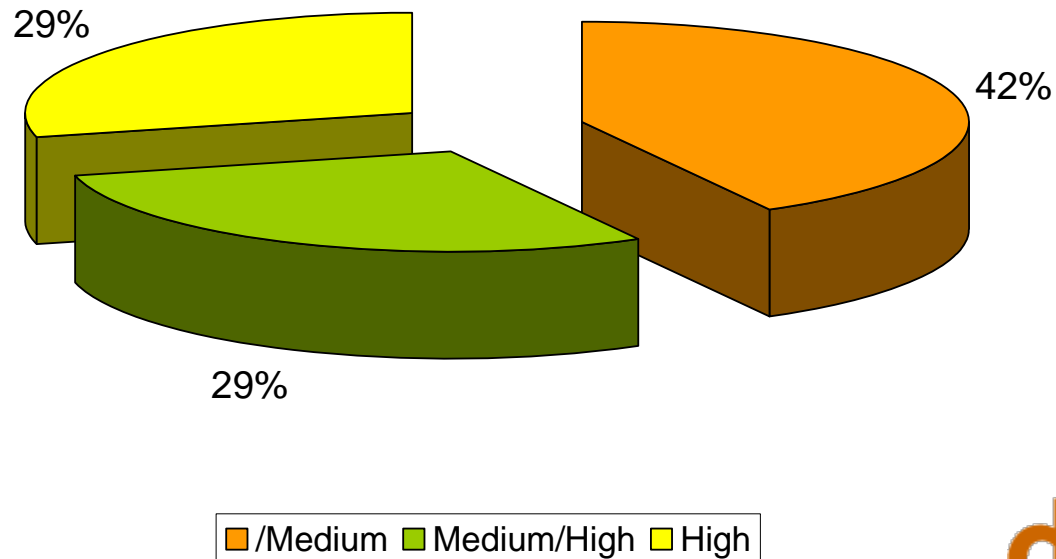
- Majority of LAs draw on national policy programmes to undertake projects on energy efficiency.
- Energy Efficiency Commitment, Energy Efficiency Advice Centres and Warm front judged to be the most useful.

Stakeholder discussions

- Greatest impact through improvement of LA-owned housing.
- Partnering with EEC suppliers to deliver measures and development of bulk discount schemes

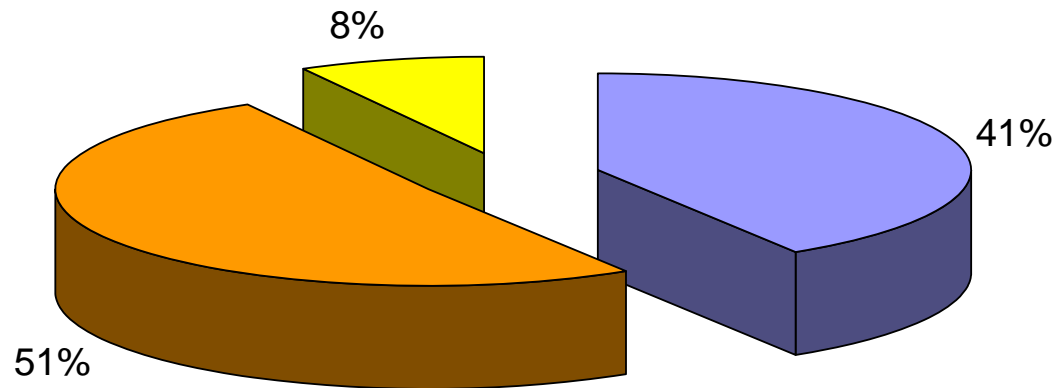
Stakeholder discussions

To what extent have HECA officers enhanced the delivery of other programmes?



Stakeholder discussions

To what extent has HECA led to additional or more cost effective energy efficiency improvements over and above the policy instruments such as EEC, Warm Front and Decent Homes?



Low/Medium Medium High

Stakeholder discussions- reporting process

- HECA does not require a consistent measurement approach. Data is non comparable. Accuracy concerns of HECA officers surveyed in 2004.
- Significant variability of data between LAs. Some have achieved success, others appear to lag behind.

Stakeholder recommendations

- Stakeholders believe that more rigorous requirements for performance are required
- Ranking of performance could be an effective mechanism
- Focus on outcomes rather than process

Stakeholder recommendations

- Need for comparable and auditable data
- Focus on overall carbon reduction, alignment with other priorities
- Housing stock differs by LA – recognition that improvement potential differs

Stakeholder recommendations

- Outcome focused
- Attributable
- Aligned
- Cost effective
- Accurate and comparative
- Auditable
- Collaborative

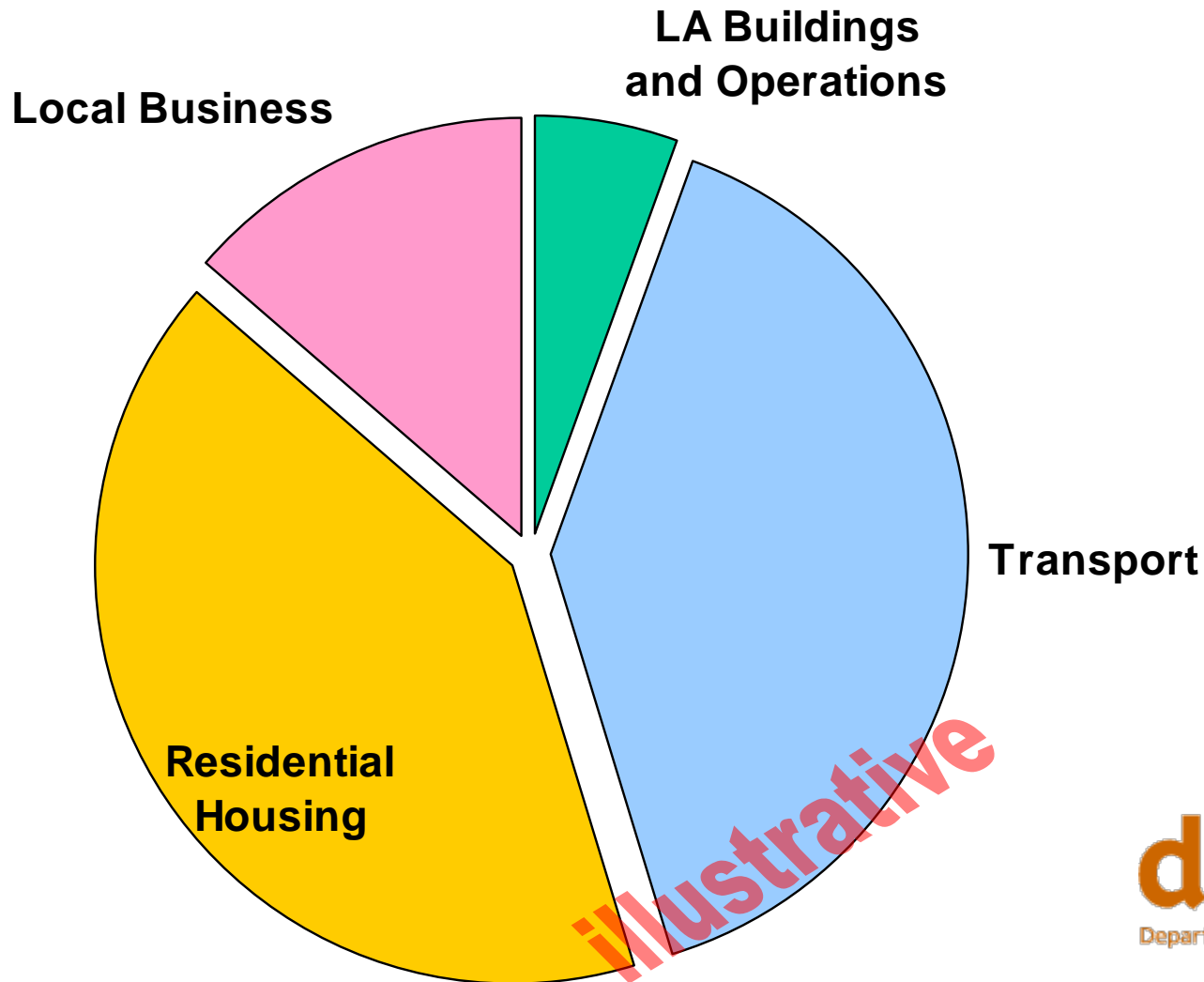
Workshop input

- Do you agree with the outcome of the stakeholder workshops? Any key points not considered?
- Views on the future of HECA:
 - continue unchanged?
 - make amendments – what / how?
 - need alternative approach?

Local Government Performance Framework

- “The government will consider how to ensure that the local government framework will include an appropriate focus on action on climate change, sufficient to incentivise more authorities to reach the levels of the best”
- Climate Change The UK Programme 2006

What can LAs do?



Leading by example – getting ‘own house in order’

- Buildings
- Fleets
- Outsourced Contracts
- Refuse collection
- Social Housing
- Schools



What can LAs do to deliver CO₂ reductions in their communities?

Residential Housing

Run campaigns with EST to householders

Partner projects with EEC suppliers

Warm Front – Fuel Poverty

Introduce local incentives eg: council tax rebates

Planning on new developments

Local business

Run campaigns with Carbon Trust to businesses

Work with Business Links, RDAs, Envirowise, etc

Provide support to businesses to implement measures

Planning on new developments

Local Transport

Run local campaigns car sharing, walking, cycling, bus use.

Parking rates on vehicle CO₂

School and work travel plans

Improve bus services

Multiple occupancy car lanes

Smarter layouts, traffic light synchronisation

Environmental/ Congestion charging

Cycle routes

Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Act 2006

- Energy Measures report:
 - Improve energy efficiency
 - Increase levels of microgeneration
 - Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
 - Reduce the number of households living in fuel poverty