**NEA/ALEO East Joint Fuel Poverty and Regional Forum**

**Wednesday 3rd of April 2019**

**10.00 – 12.30 NEA Forum followed lunch
13.00 – 15.00 ALEO East Regional Meeting**

**West Suffolk House Bury Saint Edmunds IP33 3YU, UK**

#### A g e n d a

10.00 **Arrival and Registration**

10:15 Welcome and NEA Policy Update **Tom Welfare**

 Project Development Co-ordinator

 NEA

10:45 Ideas for an oil pricing scheme **Lee Cowles**

 Boiler Juice

11:20 **Refreshment Break**

11:30 Working together for healthier homes: **Jamie Ruse**

new opportunities for cross sector action to Senior Policy Officer

tackle cold-related ill health NEA

12:00 Regional Round-up - All delegates invited to contribute

12:20 **Feedback and close**

12:30 **Lunch**

13:00 ALEO update & HECA Reporting 2019 **David Walton**

                                                                   Chair, ALEO East

13:30 Energie Sprong UK: Net Zero Energy **John Pratley**

Energy HousingAssociate                                    Gardner Stewart Architects

14:00 Energy Efficiency Association     **Gary Braybrooke**

14:25 ECO Switch – a new route to **Tom Andrews**

          delivering domestic energy efficiency                                                     Senior Analyst with Pixie Energy

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14:50 AOB

15:00 **Close**

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 **Minutes of Meeting on 3rd April 2019**

1. **Matters arising from the last meeting**

David Walton briefly covered the minutes of the meeting held on the 31st October 2018.

The minutes were accepted.

1. **ALEO Update** **by David Walton, Chair ALEO East -** Full presentation available on the ALEO East web page.

Subjects covered:

* Chancellor Philip Hammond’s Spring Statement: Future Homes Standard announcement; Committee on Climate Change UK Housing Report 21.2.19
* Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards Private Rented Sector cost cap
* Forthcoming consultation on new Fuel Poverty Strategy
* ECO Flex
* ALEO national training-day conference, London, 22nd May 2019: https://aleo.org.uk/conferences/
* HECA report due by the 31st May 2019 and needs to be published online for the use of residents.

Other matters:

* Paul Hinsley the current ALEO East vice chair will be leaving Essex County Council in June and resigning as Vice Chair. A new Vice Chair was proposed Justin Smith of Cambridge City Council.
* Venue for next meeting in October 2019 was discussed and Camborne was suggested.
1. **Energiesprong UK by John Pratley, Gardner Stewart Architects** - Full presentation available on the ALEO East web page.

- 30 year payback period
- Prefabrication off site
- Affordable, paid for by saving energy costs over 30 years and savings from property maintenance
- Initially funded by Housing Association and EU funding
- Costs will reduce for future developments through economies of scale and set up costs
- Right to Buy owners on the development / street can opt in.
- Resold Right to Buy owners can also opt in
2. **Energy Efficiency Association by Gary Braybrooke.**
A presentation (full presentation is available on the ALEO East webpage) and discussion about the Energy Efficiency Awards was given which are open to all energy efficiency projects including those by ALEO East members.
A discussion was had about the possibility of sharing venues for meetings and events. Gary will put a proposal to David Walton so that ALEO East and NEA can consider. Gary will also provide an e-mail introducing the Energy Efficiency Awards that can be sent to ALEO East members.
3. **ECO Switch by Tom Andrews of Pixie Energy** - Full presentation available on the ALEO East web page.

ECO Switch is a new online system that allows Local Authorities to tender for energy efficiency business in a reverse auction system, with local contractors delivering energy efficiency upgrades and energy suppliers paying for work in order to deliver legal obligations. All contractors that can tender for business using ECO Switch will be vetted for service standards. The system will allow small and medium energy suppliers to tender for business.
4. **NEA Policy Update by Tom Welfare of NEA.**

Presentation available on ALEO East web page.
Comments:
- 11 small energy suppliers collapsed last year
- Brexit added an average £75 to energy bills due to the fall of the pound
5. **Project updates and regional update**

**Suffolk**: Received funding from Warm Homes Fund Category 3 which is funding an Energy Advice role with the Rural Coffee Caravan. Their role will be to:
- Advertise the Category 2 Warm Homes Funding from Warm Homes Healthy People Suffolk.
- Attend events with Rural Coffee Caravan and engage with residents
- Provide advice on tariff switching, smart metering and general fuel advice.

**Update on Warm Homes Fund Category 1 & 2 Funding received in 2017**. Funding for private owner occupiers or private tenants.

-Oil central heating installations to those in fuel poverty. Target 300, 15 have been installed and 60 in the process for a grant.

- Gas central heating to those in fuel poverty. Target of 204 which has been achieved. Applied for further funding to install another 204 as the project currently has a waiting list.

-Stepping Home Project. Working with Ipswich Hospital a hospital discharge project that commenced in January 2019.
- Advertise the Category 2 Warm Homes Funding from Warm Homes Healthy People Suffolk.
- Attend events with Rural Coffee Caravan and engage with residents
- Provide advice on tariff switching, smart metering and general fuel advice.

**Babergh and Mid Suffolk:** Received funding from Warm Homes Fund Category 2 which is funding:

- £400K for Air Source Heat Pumps. Target is 180 installations for council tenants. 26 have been installed and 60 further properties have been surveyed.

1. **AOB**None
2. **Attendance - 28**
3. **Date of Next Meeting**

**TBC** 2nd October 2019from 10am till 3pm at Bury St Edmonds or Camborne.