

Thanet District Council



Climate Change CAG

Domestic Energy Private Sector Update
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Supporting private sector homes to reduce carbon emissions & have affordable warmth



- Help householders and landlords to install insulation, heating, ventilation and renewable energy measures
- Develop schemes with funds to help Thanet householders
- Provide advice on improvements, the grants available and how to save energy
- Grow the number of installers for low carbon heating and insulation in Thanet and the county
- Develop community initiatives
- Create referral routes and support for households in fuel poverty

Schemes commencing Sept 2023



Home Upgrade Grant (2)

Successful £2.4 million bid to install improvements to off gas homes

Measures: Full house improvement to insulation and ventilation • Upgrade to a low carbon heating system • Heating Controls • Energy efficient lighting

Average £18,000 per property with up to £38,000 available per household

Private owned or private rented dwellings

EPC rating of D, E, F or G (a free updated EPC assessment will be provided)

Free to householders, contribution of at least $\frac{1}{3}$ if landlord application

This will provide improvements to 134 Hard to treat properties

Eligibility:

Households in pre-qualified postcode area (Indices of Multiple Deprivation Income Deciles 1-3, residents will be informed if this applies to their home)

OR a household income of no more than £31,000 (before tax or any other deductions)

Home heated by off-gas-grid source, e.g electricity, oil, liquid propane gas, and solid fuels.

Survey will be completed and full installations arranged if eligible

Status: Awaiting grant funding agreement with DESNZ, then scheme will open and marketing will start

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ECO(4), ECO Flex and Great British Insulation Scheme

Estimated between £500,000 to £3 million in Thanet per year, depending on take up

Run till March 2026

To install energy efficiency and low carbon measures in EPC rated D,E,F & G homes for those on means tested benefits

Delivery partner EoN,

Launch September

TDC developing **ECO flexible eligibility scheme** to widen eligibility

Will widen to include:

- EPC D,E,F or G and whole house income less than £31k
- E,F or G and 2 of the following: vulnerable to a cold home (NICE guidelines), in LSOA or IMD area, Council Tax reduction, Free school meal households, Referred by energy supplier or citizens advice, energy Supplier Debt (some limitations apply)

Will work with partners agencies to target and reach these households

Resource impact is having to assess and make application to Ofgem for each household eligible under this route

TDC schemes for households “able to pay” for measures



Home Energy Reduction Option HERO

Successful bid for a 2 year service commencing September 2023

In the home support - non fuel poor households to make improvements to their homes insulation, energy generation or low carbon heating,

This will involve a full home surveys, providing a route map/costed report for making net zero and low carbon improvements.

Full update and information at the next meeting

Crisis support for households



Household Support Fund (round 4) TDC allocation from KCC £521,000 allocated to:

- Citizens Advice Bureaux: Vouchers for food & other goods (bedding, microwaves etc)
- RISE: White goods. Curtains/poles and Carpets
- Multi Agency Task Force: Household goods
- TLS: Welfare service Food/energy/water bill support. Carpets Clothing, Bedding and blankets, Curtains, White goods,
- Cost of living support payment £150 to eligible households

Householders cannot apply direct and those eligible will be contacted

Householders can apply to KCC for their fund on the KCC household support fund webpage

Thanet Energy Advice and Referral Service

Energy Advice service, face to face, online and telephone advice.

The service continues to support householders of all tenures (900 clients per year) and referred to Green Doctors, CAB, landlord support services, Energy Providers, water support and crisis funds.

Status, Recruiting a energy advisor after Lucy has moved to new role as Home Energy Officer

Solar Together

In the last scheme, Spring 2023, Solar Together received an overwhelming response with a total of 360 applicants from the Thanet region, demonstrating a strong community interest in solar adoption.

Upcoming Auction: The next Solar Together auction is scheduled to take place on the 28th of August.



How these are being promoted

Full and busy winter communications plan including:

- Community outreach events
- Schools competitions
- Thermal imaging of homes
- Mail outs
- Interactive map showing who can get what support
- Social media campaigns

Issues to successful delivery

Still is the case that the **number of installers and assessors** in the area means schemes struggle to deliver.

Solution, Eve produced a paper with KCC for KMEG, to get the county to take control of coordinating activities for Planning, Installer growth, Learning and skills development, MEES etc. KMEG looking at costsed solution in Sept 2023

Other Projects

- Early stages for developing a demonstrator property for householders to visit with range of technologies
- Drapers Almshouses energy generation initiative had initial survey