

Sutherland Fuel Poverty Summit – EES:ABS Presentation

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EES:ABS Scheme

Background

The Highland Council has been awarded Scottish Government funding for the Energy Efficient Scotland: Area Based Scheme (EES:ABS)

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Funding Sources

- Scottish Government grants
- Energy Company Obligation Funding (ECO)
- Warm Homes Fund

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Programme Objectives

- To tackle fuel poverty
- improve domestic energy efficiency in privately owned and rented properties.

Target fuel-poor areas

- Provide support to those in fuel and extreme fuel poverty
- Support households who are vulnerable to the effects of living in a cold home
- Provide significant savings to householders' fuel bills
- Reduce carbon emissions.

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Impact

- The scheme has leveraged funding circa £32.8m (over the last 8 years) to the Highlands
- Approximately 3,000 privately owned and privately rented properties have benefited from the scheme

Delivery

- Energy improvement works carried out on behalf of The Highland Council, by the appointed Energy Efficiency contractor E.ON

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Measures

- External Wall Insulation
- Cavity and loft insulation
- Air Source Heat Pumps (FTCH)
- Solar PV

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Benefits

- Lower fuel bills
- Increased home comfort levels
- In many instances, improvements to the aesthetics of the home
- In some instances, reduction in noise levels

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Challenges

- Obtaining signups to the scheme
- Funding available per household – Highland costs
- Impact of COVID
- Introduction of new legislation: PAS 2035:2019

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Way Forward

It is our aim to continue to build and expand the scheme – to enable this, the programme team are looking at better engaging with communities to assess the demand and impact of interventions.

Eligibility Criteria

Eligibility Criteria	Measure	External Wall Insulation	Cavity Wall Insulation	Loft Insulation	First Time Central Heating
Your property is Council Tax Band A, B or C (Band D is eligible where the EPC rating is E, F or G)		✓	✓	✓	✓
Your home is either owned by you or privately rented – must be your main residence and cannot be a second home or B&B		✓	✓	✓	✓
Your property is of solid wall construction		✓			
Your property must not be in a conservation area		✓			
Your property must not be a listed building		✓			✓
Your property has electric storage heating					✓
Alternatively, you could qualify if you meet ECO Flex requirements			✓	✓	