

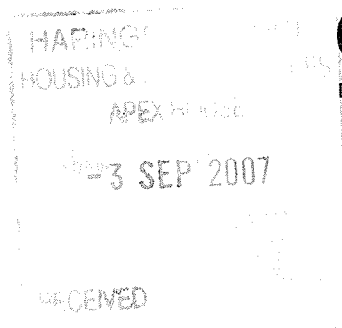
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30 August 2007

Dear Mr Mathers

Home Energy Conservation Act 1995 (HECA) – Tenth Progress Report

The Secretary of State welcomes receipt of the tenth round HECA report that you submitted on behalf of your local authority, including information on how you plan to develop a fuel poverty/affordable warmth strategy.

The methodology you have described for assessing progress appears to be well structured and likely to be capable of providing the required information. We are pleased to see that you have given careful consideration and due regard to this aspect of your strategy.

It is clear from the progress report that there is close co-operation with colleagues managing other programmes within your authority. This is welcome, particularly when internal co-operation is essential if, for example, an authority wants to develop and take forward a structured programme of information, advice, education and promotion. The activity you have reported in this area is encouraging and demonstrates recognition of the need to facilitate and persuade others to embrace energy efficiency as a matter of course.

The number of initiatives you have underway and planned with external partners is encouraging. Reaching all households with information, advice and the incentives to take up energy efficiency measures and change their lifestyle is of course an essential element of any HECA strategy. It is therefore pleasing to see that you have recognised and developed this aspect.

We would like to commend your authority on the progress of its HECA strategy, and would congratulate all concerned for contributing to the substantial progress achieved so far. The strategy appears to be well structured and recognises the need to develop partnerships, attract finance from all available sources, and demonstrates recognition of the need to facilitate and encourage others to implement measures and change their approach to energy use.



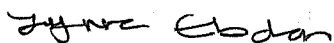
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You should have already received a letter enclosing the Eleventh HECA report form and guidance notes. Copies of these documents are also available on the Defra website in both pdf and Microsoft Word format at <http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/climatechange/uk/publicsector/localauth/heca95/lainfo.htm>. The deadline for submission of Reports is 30 November 2007.

Please could you let your Chief Executive have sight of this letter.

Yours sincerely



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