

## ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

### IMPLICATIONS/CONSULTATIONS

Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives:	<p><b>People – Fair and accessible services for those that use them and opportunities for everyone to contribute</b></p> <p>This priority focuses on delivering strong services and seeking to enhance the quality of life, health and wellbeing, particularly for those who are vulnerable.</p> <p><b>Place – Safe and Clean</b></p> <p>This priority focuses on sustainability, the built environment and ensuring our towns and villages are safe and clean.</p> <p><b>Prosperity – Improving the economic and social opportunities available to our communities</b></p> <p>This priority focuses on safeguarding and enhancing our unique mix of rural and urban communities, promoting sustainable, economic opportunities and delivering cost effective services.</p>
Consultation:	The current draft of the Fuel Poverty Strategy is available on the Council's website, with comments being invited from the public during January. Any observations received will be summarised for the Executive meeting on 2 February 2016.
Legal:	An Equality Impact Assessment will be produced following agreement of the draft strategy.
Financial:	Any financial implications arising from the implementation of the Strategy that are not contained within existing agreed budgets will be subject to further reports and approval as appropriate.
Human Resource:	There are no significant implications arising from this report.
Risk Management:	There are no risk management implications arising from this report.

Health and wellbeing – issues and impacts:	Fuel Poverty has a significant effect on people’s health and well being, with cold, poorly heated and uninsulated homes a recognised cause of excess winter deaths and other health issues.
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