



Housing

Role of Local Authorities in Energy Efficiency for Social Housing

(Originally passed – Spring 1994 Conference)

This Conference recognises that while global climatic change as a result of the emissions of Greenhouse gases, mainly from inefficient burning of fossil fuels present an uncertain future for the planet, some 6 million households in this country suffer fuel poverty as a result of poorly insulated houses every winter. This Conference also notes that the number of households suffering fuel poverty is likely to increase further with the introduction of VAT on domestic fuel.

Existing Social Housing Under the Control of Local Authorities

This Conference believes that in using the limited resources available to improve the housing stock, local authorities should place a high priority on reducing the amount of energy used in heating houses. This would reduce the number of people suffering from fuel poverty while at the same time reduce the negative environmental impacts of excessive fuel use.

New-Build Social Housing

This Conference believes that in their enabling role with housing associations, local authorities should ensure that all new social housing is built to the highest energy efficient standards (equivalent to Home Energy Rating Scheme 9) in order to reduce Carbon Dioxide emissions and ensure tenants can afford to

keep their homes warm during the winter months.

Swansea Housing Transfer

(Originally passed – Spring 2007 Conference)

The Green Party of England and Wales notes with satisfaction the historic vote by the Council Tenants of Swansea to retain their Council Housing stock within the control of the local authority. The Green Party offers its congratulations to Swansea Defend Council Housing, and to all the groups and individuals, including members of Swansea Green Party who campaigned for the No vote. The Green Party now calls upon The City and County of Swansea to draw up, as a matter of urgency, proposals for bringing Swansea Council Housing stock up to the Welsh Housing Quality Standard within the timescale laid down by the Welsh Assembly.