



## Bristol Health and Wellbeing Board

Title of Report:	<b>Fuel Poverty Action Plan</b>
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Purpose:	Decision

- Paper to be no more than two pages long
- Draft papers are reviewed by the Public Health team
- Final papers will be published on the [public website](#)
- Board correspondence: [HWB@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:HWB@bristol.gov.uk)

### 1. Executive Summary

The No Cold Homes Steering Group (a collective of organisations across Bristol that are committed to taking action to tackle fuel poverty in the city) has developed a Fuel Poverty Action Plan for the city. The aim is to provide a strategic roadmap for actions that support and lift households out of fuel poverty.

A finalized version of the action plan is being share with the board in order to obtain sign-off prior to publishing in the November.

### 2. Purpose of the Paper

We are presenting a finalized version of the Fuel Poverty Action Plan in hope of obtaining sign-off. We have spent the last few months engaging with organisations across the city to ensure that the action plan is representative of the current work and upcoming projects in the city that support households in fuel poverty.

### 3. Background and evidence base

In December 2018, the JSNA chapter on [Fuel Poverty](#) was published which discussed the state of fuel poverty in the city, highlighted what services already exist to support those in fuel poverty, while mentioning what more can be done to tackle it. Recent data from the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy suggests that 9.8% of households in Bristol are fuel poor, which is an estimated 19,572 households across the city.

The JSNA chapter highlights how living in a cold home can worse the health of those with any existing health conditions and have an impact on children who are at greater risk of respiratory problems and lower educational attainment. Additionally, the chapter discusses the association between cold homes and mental health problems, as the physical discomfort of being in a cold home and financial worries can have an impact on one's mental wellbeing.

Additionally, the NICE guideline for excess winter deaths [NG6] provides recommendations for actions that can be taken to better support those living in cold homes. For each of the recommendations suggested, [evidence and expert papers](#) are linked to support the need for the suggested recommendation.

Furthermore, the One City Plan includes targets related to tackling fuel poverty and we aim to utilise the One City approach to bring together organisations across the city to work towards achieving the targets.

#### **4. Community engagement**

As part of the development of the Fuel Poverty Action Plan, we have engaged with various community organisations, service providers and council departments. The No Cold Homes Group will continue to work with and alongside community groups to support those in fuel poverty.

#### **5. Recommendations**

N/A

#### **6. City Benefits**

The development of the Fuel Poverty Action Plan aims to provide a strategic approach for engaging with and supporting the residents of Bristol that are in fuel poverty.

#### **7. Financial and Legal Implications**

N/A

#### **8. Appendices**

Attached is the most recent version of the Fuel Poverty Action Plan.