



# **Internal Briefing - Warmer Homes programme**

#### **Summary & Background**

We are part of a consortium of 23 local authorities, led by Portsmouth City Council, who have been successful in bidding for £41.4m of Home Upgrade Grant (HUG) funding, provided by the Government's Department for Energy Security & Net Zero (DESNZ). This funding is delivered through the Warmer Homes programme and is available to residents until March 2025.

Funding is available to homes that are <u>not</u> heated by a gas boiler/<u>not</u> heated by mains gas. For example the home is primarily heated by electric, oil, LPG, solid fuels or has no central heating. Funding of up to £38,000 is available, depending on the property's composition.

## Who is delivering the programme?

The programme is being delivered by AgilityEco. AgilityEco will be responsible for all customer and installer communications for the programme, approval of all quotes and keeping applicants informed of their progression through the programme.

# There is funding available under the programme for the following energy efficiency measures:



Solid Wall Insulation (external or internal)



Cavity Wall Insulation



Underfloor Insulation



Loft Insulation



High Heat Retention Storage Heaters



Room-in-Roof Insulation



Air Source Heat Pumps



Park Home External Wall Insulation



Solar PV Panels



Heating Controls





#### Who is eligible for the funding?

Households must meet the following criteria to be eligible for the programme:

• Have an EPC rating of D, E, F or G. (you can check a home's EPC rating here: <a href="www.gov.uk/find-energy-certificate">www.gov.uk/find-energy-certificate</a> or if they don't have one, the Warmer Homes team can arrange one free of charge)

#### And either:

 Have an annual total household income of £31,000 or less (before mortgage/rent & council tax)

Or:

Receive a means tested benefit

Or:

• Their home is within a Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) Income Decile 1-3 postcode area. (you can check this by inputting the property address on the Warmer Homes application form).

## What tenure types are eligible?

The funding is available to private households: owner occupiers or private rental tenants. Unfortunately funding is not available for social housing or housing association homes.

For private rental properties, landlords must provide consent and make a contribution of 50% of the funding available. Landlords must also not have a portfolio of more than 4 properties. NB. Shared ownership homes can receive measures, but are treated as private rental, so the scheme owner (not the leaseholder/renter), is responsible for the landlord contribution.

#### How to apply

Residents can apply either online or by phone:

Online: visit www.warmerhomes.org.uk and click Apply

Phone: call 0800 038 5737 (freephone) Monday - Friday during office hours

If you have a query about a resident's application, please email: referrersupport@warmerhomes.org.uk

For further information about the programme, visit the Warmer Homes website: www.warmerhomes.org.uk or email: retrofit@warmerhomes.org.uk