

Cyflwynwyd yr ymateb i ymgynghoriad y [Pwyllgor Cydraddoldeb a Chyflawnder Cymdeithasol](#) ar [Tlodi Tanwydd yng Nghymru](#)

This response was submitted to the [Equality and Social Justice Committee](#) consultation on [Fuel Poverty in Wales](#)

FP08

Ymateb gan: Cyngor Sir Powys | Response from: Powys County Council



Terms of reference

The terms of reference for the inquiry are to explore:

- Whether there is an accurate picture of fuel poverty in Wales today, given that data is based on the 2008 Living in Wales Survey and 2017-18 Wales Housing Conditions Survey;
- The potential impact of changes to the eligibility criteria for the Winter Fuel Payment on fuel poverty in Wales;
- The detail of the new Warm Homes Programme, including the energy efficiency measures offered, changes to eligibility criteria, the approach to delivering advice services, and the development of an area based approach; **We would encourage the scheme, and delivery partners, to have the ability to be more flexible in its approach to collaborate closely with trusted local partners such as Local Authorities to ensure its delivery meets local needs, and compliments local programmes for the betterment of service users. An example would be the blending of available funding programmes such as ECO4-Flex with NEST, and Green Wales Homes Scheme for eligible households. They should not be accessed in isolation if the mechanism is in place locally.**
- How changes from the previous programme will impact delivery, particularly in terms of the numbers of households that will be supported;
- The extent to which the Warm Homes Programme is helping to address persistent fuel poverty in Wales, and if not, what further action is needed;
- The effectiveness of support available to households in or at risk of fuel poverty, in addition to the Warm Homes Programme;
- How effective local authorities have been at accessing and utilising ECO Flex funding; **Powys County Council have been active in its promotion of ECO4-Flex and is leading the way in Wales with its innovative partnership with CIC, Warm Wales, in its approach and delivery. Powys' [Warm Wales Powys Energy Saving Scheme \(ECO4 Flex\)](#) - Powys County Council continues to evolve to meet local demands for the betterment of our service users. It is felt that more could be done to integrate these finite resources by the blending of funding if the opportunity existed.**
- How the Welsh Government is working with the UK Government to address fuel poverty.

Response details

- Your name and contact details as the person, or organisation, submitting the evidence. See signature below
- Whether your evidence is submitted as an individual, or on behalf of an organisation. On behalf of Powys County Council

- If you are submitting evidence as an individual, confirmation that you are over 18 years old. I am over 18 years
- If you are under 13 years old, your parent or guardian's agreement that you can participate (this can be provided via email). N/A
- Confirmation of whether you would prefer that your name is not published alongside your evidence (names of individuals under 18 years old will not be published). I consent
- Confirmation of whether you would like the Committee to treat any or all of your written evidence as confidential, with reasons for the request. No requirement
- If you have referred to a third party in your evidence, such as a parent, spouse or relative, confirmation that they have agreed that you can share information that may be used to identify them and that they understand that it will be published. N/A