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Policy

People at risk of fuel poverty in Scotland to receive further energy investment

The Warmer Homes Scotland initiative has awarded more than £38mn to managing agent Warmworks, the Scottish government announced on 17 April.

This, the government said, would enable Warmworks to continue supporting the government's fuel poverty scheme to 2022. Those at risk of fuel poverty are eligible to receive further investment to improve their property through the installation of new heating systems and insulation, providing £300 in savings per household each year.

Since its inception in June 2018, the initiative has supported up to 15,000 customers.

Scottish Housing Minister Kevin Stewart said: "We have taken a world leading approach to tackling fuel poverty with the introduction of the Fuel Poverty Bill and setting an ambitious target that, by 2040, no more than 5% of Scottish households are in fuel poverty."

[Scottish Government](#)

Scottish Government analyses energy efficiency programme delivery mechanism

The Scottish Government published its analysis of possible delivery mechanisms for the Energy Efficient Scotland (EES) programme on 19 April.

The programme aims to make Scotland's existing buildings near zero carbon by 2050 to reduce fuel poverty and tackle climate change. The analysis found that bringing all of Scotland's housing stock up to the required standard will necessitate an average of 66,000 measures installed a year between now and 2040 – the government said that the current rate of installations is in line to hit this target, but the rate is slowing down. It also found that property owner buy-in will be required, as well as incentivising private landlords.

In addition, the analysis concluded that a "significant escalation" of help to fuel poor households is required, in particular Warmer Homes Scotland.

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Industry

Dundee City Council to extend energy efficiency programme

On 16 April, Dundee City Council that Dundee City Council will be expanding its programme of energy efficiency measures to 350 extra council and private homes at a cost of £3mn.

Dundee City Council had previously established the Dundee Energy Efficiency Advice Project (DEEAP), with the aim of providing a service throughout the city advising householders on issues including fuel tariffs, how to reduce bills and energy efficiency measures.

SSE will appoint contractors for the work, who will manage the programme expansion on behalf of the council.

Kevin Cordell, convener of Dundee City Council's neighbourhood services committee, said: "The council, along with Home Energy Efficiency Programme Scotland and SSE through the Energy Company Obligation, are all contributing funds."

[Dundee City Council](#)

Funding to link Scottish businesses with offshore wind development

A new initiative from the Knowledge Exchange Network (KEN) will give Scottish businesses a head start in developing offshore wind products and services by accessing academic expertise, it was announced on 25 April.

The KEN is a team of Business Development Managers who work with companies and relevant business intermediaries to proactively explore opportunities for new collaborative links with ETP and where appropriate identify and source funding.

Through KEN, the Energy Technology Partnership (ETP) – a consortium of 13 Scottish Universities including the University of Aberdeen, Glasgow and Dundee – will look to link Scottish technology developers with academics and researchers in order to effectively develop offshore wind products. This could include early-stage feasibility studies and modelling, as well as testing and validation for development of offshore wind projects.

The Offshore Renewable Energy (ORE) Catapult – the leading technology innovation and research centre for offshore renewable energy – will help identify the brightest ideas and ways of commercialising them.

[ORE Catapult](#)

Fife district heating network opened

Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands Paul Wheelhouse opened a new £24mn district heating network in Glenrothes on 26 April. The project, which is a collaboration between Fife Council and RWE, received £8.6mn support from the Scottish Government's Low Carbon Infrastructure Transition Programme.

Located in central Glenrothes, the network is providing low-carbon heat to the Fife House complex, Rothes Halls and a nearby sheltered housing complex.

Councillor Ross Vettraino, Fife Council’s spokesperson for the environment, said: “Fife continues leading the way in tackling climate change. Bringing this district heating scheme to Glenrothes helps Fife Council reach its goal of reducing carbon emissions by 42% by 2020. The scheme demonstrates how to tackle the Government’s long-term climate change targets at a local level and helps build confidence in modern, low carbon heat technology.”

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