

Appendix 'B'

Housing Strategy Team - Update Feb-22

(SOURCE: KERYL LANFEAR)

The Councils '**Housing Strategy Team**' have introduced a range of schemes and grants to provide home energy efficiency measures with an aim to address fuel Poverty & reduce carbon emissions for residents within RCT. The schemes introduced by the Council will not only reduce their emissions but also save residents money and improve their wellbeing to meet our Climate Change Targets.

The team are working to address fuel poverty, in a sustainable way, and have running/providing an advice and assistance scheme called Heat and Save. This provides free and impartial advice to residents on tariff switching and access to grants that may be available to them.

The scheme allows self or partner referral to support residents with help and guidance, and to facilitate the correct grant assistance to suit individual circumstances. Opportunities may be available to residents under Eco 3 Flex or the Welsh Governments Nest scheme. In addition to this the Council has just launched a heating Grant as a pilot scheme to further help RCT residents.

One example of the housing strategy team's enabling role, working with Arbed am Byth, is the delivery of energy measures to 113 homes in Penrhiwceiber, with new heat and cost-saving energy measures (since September 2020).