

Appendix 1 Energy Efficiency Fund

The fund will only be available to Bromsgrove owner occupiers and where the property concerned is their only and principle home. The fund will only be made available when there are no other funding streams available to resolve the homeowner's difficulties. Each household only receive one grant for each of boiler replacement, boiler repair and boiler servicing.

The Head of Community Services will have discretion to consider applications which fall outside of the normal criteria but in respect of which 'exceptional circumstances' apply.

The measures and eligibility are set out below:

Table 1

<u>Fund amount (£)</u>	<u>Eligibility</u>	<u>Measure</u>	<u>Financial Support available</u>	<u>Additional support</u>
<p>Fuel poverty alleviation</p> <p>e.g.</p> <p>£24,000 allocation first year, £23,000 subsequent years</p> <p>For an average cost of £1250 per household, over fifteen households could be helped per year.</p>	<p>In receipt of qualifying benefit or below qualifying income threshold*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Condensing boilers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ to replace low efficiency boilers (F or G rated) ○ to replace boilers broken beyond economic repair ○ associated works • Wet central heating systems where these are not already present • Heating controls • Heating system insulation (cylinder, pipes) • Cavity wall insulation • Loft insulation • Draught proofing • Carbon monoxide alarm to be included with all works 	<p>Grant covering cost of works up to a total of £5000;</p> <p>£250 household contribution required towards the cost of works.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home visit where appropriate to assess which measures would be beneficial and to offer additional energy efficiency advice. • Signposting to accredited contractors to obtain quotes • Review of quotes and check of contractor's accreditation and public liability insurance • Follow-up after installation including an energy performance certificate (£75 per certificate) • Follow-up after 1 year.
<p>Incentivising replacement of inefficient heating</p> <p>e.g.</p> <p>£10,000 allocation per year</p> <p>This could subsidise replacing around twenty boilers each year.</p>	<p>If under Worcestershire average household income of £37k (County Council profile)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Condensing boilers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ to replace low efficiency boilers (F or G rated) ○ or to replace boilers broken beyond economic repair • Wet central heating systems where these are not already present. 	<p>£500 grant towards cost of works.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signposting to accredited contractors to obtain quotes. • Review of quotes and check of contractor's accreditation and public liability insurance. • Follow-up after installation. • Follow-up after 1 year.

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<p>Funding boiler repairs and servicing for vulnerable homeowners</p> <p>e.g.</p> <p>£3,000 allocation per year</p> <p>This could help with around ten repairs and over forty boiler services each year.</p>	<p>In receipt of qualifying benefit or below qualifying income threshold*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boiler servicing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50% of cost up to £35 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signposting to accredited contractors to obtain quotes. Review of quotes and check of contractor's accreditation and public liability insurance.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boiler repair for boilers above F and G rating that can be economically repaired 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50% of costs up to £150 (repairs costing over £300 unlikely to be economic) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signposting to accredited contractors to obtain quotes. Review of quotes and check of contractor's accreditation and public liability insurance.

***Qualifying benefits/income threshold:**

- Income Support
- Pension Credit Guarantee (not pension saving credit)
- Jobseekers allowance (JSA) (income based)
- Employment Support Allowance (ESA) (income based)

OR

- Household income below threshold after tax, depending on household composition, as per Table 2 below.

Table 2

	0 children	1 children	2 children	3 children	4 or more children
Single adult	£10,720	£13,920	£17,120	£20,320	£23,520
Two adults or more	£16,000	£19,200	£22,400	£25,600	£28,800