

About Warmburgh

The Home Energy Conservation Act (HECA)

Under the Home Energy Conservation Act (1995) - known as HECA - all councils in the UK were made Energy Conservation Authorities. HECA came into force in 1997. The Act required each authority to prepare a report setting out measures that would lead to significant improvements in energy efficiency in residential accommodation in all sectors of the housing stock.

Authorities were set a broad target of achieving a 30% improvement in energy efficiency in residential accommodation over a 10 year period from 1997. In that year, all councils had to provide an initial report on how they were going to achieve the 30% target. More information about HECA is available at the Association for the Conservation of Energy.

The Warmburgh Plan

The City of Edinburgh Council's HECA report, published in 1997, is called the Warmburgh Plan. The Council set out a strategy for achieving a 30.9% energy efficiency improvement over 10 years.

The objectives of the Warmburgh Plan are:

- To promote energy efficiency in Edinburgh city through raising awareness, education and the provision of information and advice
- To maximise funding and spending on energy efficiency through direct and indirect expenditure and grants
- To develop innovative approaches to the delivery of energy efficiency measures and give a city-wide lead on all aspects of residential energy efficiency

- To monitor progress towards energy efficiency targets

Improving the energy efficiency of homes in Edinburgh will bring a number of benefits:

- Lower fuel bills for householders
- Improved comfort levels for householders
- Reduced carbon dioxide emissions, helping combat the greenhouse effect
- Reduced condensation and dampness in homes
- New jobs in the energy efficiency industry, many of them local
- Improved health through reductions in asthma attacks and hypothermia
- A reduction in air pollution through reduced SO₂ and NO_x emissions

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