Update on the task undertaken by KEEP from the PSH/KHG on the development of Kent Fuel Poverty Strategy.

**Delivering Affordable Warmth – A Fuel Poverty Strategy for Kent**

**Timeline:**

* Strategy and Action Plan - Poss out to consultation on 25 January to February for period of six weeks
* April – Final version hopefully available at KHG event
* May – June complete/ratification by Kent Environment Champions/launch

**We need this consultation to go out widely in Kent and therefore ask partners to contribute to this by placing on own website, etc.**

**Strategy Context:**

Foreword

Executive summary

1. Introduction to fuel poverty

* + New Definition of Fuel Poverty
  + Principle Causes of Fuel Poverty
  + The Effects of Fuel Poverty
  + Who is in Fuel Poverty

2. The effects of fuel poverty and cold homes on health and wellbeing

3. The National Context

4. The local context in Kent

* + Fuel Poverty Levels in Kent

5. Partners in affordable warmth and fuel poverty

6. Priorities in Kent

7. Action plan – monitoring and review

8. Case studies

Our key aims are outlined below and are based on a need to fully understand who vulnerable residents in fuel poverty are and to effectively target them with meaningful interventions that address the three drivers of fuel poverty:

* **Priority 1: Information gathering and sharing**
* **Priority 2: Improving energy efficiency**
* **Priority 3: Reducing fuel costs**
* **Priority 4: Increase income**

**Action plan:**

* The Action Plan will be developed involving all KEEP partners.
* Health indicators play a key role to fuel poverty.
* We will work in partnership to identify where to target our fuel poverty activities.
* An important area of work will involve monitoring and evaluation.