

Additional Agenda Item 6b

SCRUTINY COMMISSION – CALL FOR ACTION



Date: 30th September 2015

Name: Councillor Paul Hand-Davis
Penistone East

What issue would you like to be scrutinised?

- i) District Heating Charges
- ii) District Heating Efficiency

**Why do you think this issue ought to be scrutinised?
(e.g. is it important to the Council, Barnsley's Communities, etc?)**

Urgent and vital need to help Berneslai Homes Tenants who are living in cold, damp houses - unable to afford heating costs

**What are your main concerns about the issue?
(eg financial, service delivery, impact on local people, etc?)**

Health impact on our own tenants

Cost impact on our own tenants

Winter is fast approaching

What are the key questions about this issue that you would like answers to?

1. Can Councillors have sight of / or details of the District Heating Review commissioned by Berneslai Homes?
2. Is our green energy partner of the right quality and sufficiently sympathetic towards our residents?
3. The proposed reduction of £0.01 off the kilowatt hour charge is totally inadequate.
4. Average cost of £1,000.00 per year is too expensive for those on benefits.
5. Can we reverse the green energy scheme and replace with Gas Combi Boilers?
6. Can we subsidise the kilowatt hour price?
7. Are our tenants' homes sufficiently well insulated to compensate for the low heat output of green schemes?
8. The scheme I know most about (Ground Source Heat Pumps) is arguably two thirds as efficient and three times the cost of a Gas Combi boiler.
9. Are we prepared, as a caring Council to have people wrapped in blankets, frightened to turn the heating on because of the cost?