

A joint Family Housing Association - Warm Wales bid for £1.0m 'Arbed' grant funding

A joint Family Housing Association-Warm Wales bid for £1.0M 'Arbed' grant funding to carry out energy efficiency improvements to properties in Swansea has been approved by the Welsh Assembly Government.

The £1.0M Arbed grant will help to fund a £1.6m programme of energy efficiency improvements to both Family Housing Association homes and other private/public sector housing in Swansea¹. Proposed Arbed measures include cavity insulation, insulated external render and solar hot water. Additional funding is being sought by Warm Wales and NPower from the Community Energy Savings Programme (CESP) to pay for other measures, including home energy assessment surveys, loft insulation, upgrades for existing heating systems, and real time energy use display units.

The Swansea project will run from April 2010 to March 2011, and will help to support current Family Housing Association projects focusing on increased tenant participation, digital and financial inclusion. The project is also seeking to create training and employment opportunities for local people, including a number of Community Energy Wardens².

'Arbed' (meaning 'Save') is a £30 million fund sourced primarily from the Strategic Capital Investment Fund (SCIF) and the UK Department of Energy and Climate Change (the initiative is also known as the 'Strategic Energy Performance Investment Programme'). Phase 1 of Arbed is focused specifically on energy efficiency improvements to homes in economically deprived communities within the Heads of Valleys area.

NB. LSOA = Low Super Output Areas

¹ The Swansea areas subject to the scheme all currently LSOA Castle 2, 4, 8; Landore 1, 2; Llansamlet 4, 6; Morriston 7, 9; St Thomas 1, 2.

² If you would like the opportunity of becoming a Community Energy Warden, telephone Warm Wales on 01639 825 960