

Affordable Warmth & Energy Efficiency Position Statement

Properties Out of Scope Due to Extensive Housing Disrepair

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Introduction

The Affordable Warmth & Energy Efficiency (AWEE) team is committed to supporting residents in achieving improved energy efficiency and affordable warmth in their homes. Our service strives to provide assistance within the constraints of available funding and in accordance with recognised retrofit standards. However, there are circumstances in which properties may fall outside the scope of support due to extensive housing disrepair.

Scope and Limitations

On occasion, the AWEE team encounters properties where the extent of disrepair is so significant that it cannot be reasonably addressed within the limits of our funding or the parameters of existing grant schemes. Examples of such disrepair include, but are not limited to:

- Serious structural issues compromising property safety and integrity
- Severe, persistent mould and damp affecting habitability
- Major defects in building fabric requiring comprehensive remediation

Where these issues are present, the property may not meet the baseline requirements necessary for safe and effective retrofit interventions. Furthermore, the funding available to the AWEE team is insufficient to cover extensive or structural remediation works, which typically fall outside the scope of energy efficiency grant schemes.

Professional Judgement and Decision-Making

Decisions regarding eligibility for support are made using the professional judgement and expertise of AWEE staff. This includes a thorough assessment of the property condition, knowledge of available grant funding schemes and their respective limitations, and consideration of relevant retrofit standard requirements. The team endeavours to ensure that all properties supported are suitable for energy efficiency improvements and that interventions will have the intended impact on warmth and energy costs.



Referral and Signposting

Where a property is deemed out of scope due to extensive disrepair, the AWEE team will communicate this decision clearly and compassionately to the resident. Where possible, residents will be signposted to alternative sources of advice or support that may be able to assist with remediation of fundamental property defects.

Review and Updates

This position statement will be reviewed annually, or in response to significant changes in funding, grant scheme criteria, or retrofit standard requirements.

Contact

For further information or to discuss specific cases, please contact the Affordable Warmth & Energy Efficiency team.