

ENERGY DETECTIVES	1st August 2017
TO: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE	
FOR INFORMATION	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Resilient, Healthy and Engaged Communities
Outcome	Improve the health and well-being of our citizens
Lead Officer	Head of Health & Built Environment
Cost: (If applicable)	N/A

The Issue...

Along with home heating, the cost of electricity, which has increased significantly in recent years, also contributes to FUEL POVERTY. A clear benefit from being able to monitor energy usage is to pinpoint where savings could be made, therefore reducing the amount spent paying for electricity. Households may not realise that their energy use is an issue, or that there are low cost or no cost things that they can do to reduce their energy use. It is further recognised that communicating messages around how to save energy can be difficult to get right particularly when trying to change behaviour to consume less.

Energy Detectives Initiative was developed...

This resource was developed for use in primary schools, providing the basis for practical learning around energy use in the home with the help of an energy monitor. Pupils that take part would become members of an Energy Detectives team, taking part in fun activities that help them and their parents/siblings to identify the Energy Gobblers in their homes. Therefore discovering where energy is being wasted. Furthermore, the delivery of the initiative by Energy Efficiency Advisers means that the participating homes will have further access to Causeway Coast and Glens advice and support services.

Energy Detectives Initiatives for Causeway Coast and Glens 2016/17

4 Schools took part, one from each of our legacy areas. A total of 82 pupils became energy detectives for a week. The feedback from both parents and teachers was very positive and all schools would like to be considered to be part of this initiative again. (A further 5 different schools were booked in to take part in the initiative at the beginning of 2017/18, a total of 240 pupils.)