

**4. Please indicate which category best describes your organisation, if appropriate.**

**(Tick one only)**

Executive Agencies and NDPBs	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local authority	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other statutory organisation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Registered Social Landlord	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative body for private sector organisations	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative body for third sector/equality organisations	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative body for community organisations	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative body for professionals	<input type="checkbox"/>
Private sector organisation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Third sector/equality organisation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community group	<input type="checkbox"/>
Academic	<input type="checkbox"/>
Individual	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other – please state...Network of representatives from the health sector	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

**Question 1: Do you have experience, or know of, social landlords acting as 'pioneers' in addressing energy efficiency?**

Yes  No

**Question 1(a): If 'yes', please provide details, including any web links/contact details you may have.**

Comments

**Question 2: For landlords, what is the greatest cause of SHQS abeyances in your stock? Is there anything that the Scottish Government could do to assist in reducing abeyances?**

Commentsno comment

**Question 3: What has been your experience in improving properties in mixed tenure estates?**

Commentsno comment

**Question 3(a): If you have developed solutions to work with owners and/or private sector tenants, please provide details.**

Commentsno comment

**Question 4: The Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing will directly affect a diverse group of social sector tenants who have individual needs and experiences. In your view, is improving the energy efficiency of social rented housing a priority for tenants?**

Yes  No

CommentsThis is essential because the high proportion of income required to cover heating costs has a greater effect on the more vulnerable population.

There is a higher incidence of low income households in the social housing sector and improvements to the energy efficiency of this housing sector will contribute to the alleviation of fuel poverty.

**Question 4(a): If 'yes', are the suggested 'potential benefits' broadly the right ones? Are there any others you would suggest?**

CommentsYes they appear to be the right ones. In addition improved heating will have a positive benefit in terms of physical and mental health.

The issue of mould growth should be addressed through appropriate ventilation systems installed at the time of energy efficiency improvements.

**Question 4(b): If no, why is this? How would you suggest we increase tenant awareness of the importance of energy efficiency?**

Comments It might be counterproductive to suggest that landlords actively encourage their tenants to reduce their energy consumption in that in some cases this may lead to unnecessary intrusion. Landlords may feel the need to monitor energy use and impose restrictions if there is a standard placed on them to ensure technologies are used appropriately. It should be sufficient for landlords to advise and leave written material on use of technologies and be available to answer questions. It is up to the tenant determine how much heating they require and this will differ according to circumstances eg age, frailty.

**Question 5: Do you consider any particular equality groups will be at significant risk as a result of this new policy? If so, please outline what measures you consider appropriate to minimise risk.**

Comments No What about those who don't speak English, learning difficulties

**Question 6: Do you think the implementation of the Standard will cause an undue financial burden on any particular equality group? If so, we would welcome your views on what action could be taken to minimise that burden. Encourage tenants to reduce their energy consumption -**

Comments Implementation of the standards will be the responsibility of the landlord who may face a financial burden and this could be minimised by availability of means tested grants. The sentence "encourage tenants to reduce their energy consumption" is a separate matter and should be dealt with via public information, information and technology provided by the landlord and personal choice.

**Question 7: What else would you suggest to help tenants better manage their energy consumption?**

Comments This could be addressed via public information, information and technology provided by the landlord and personal choice.

**Question 8: Do you think that example case studies will be helpful or unhelpful in taking forward the Standard?**

Helpful  Unhelpful

Comments

**If you think they are helpful:**

**Question 8 (a): Are these the right range of dwelling types to be represented as case studies?** Yes  No

Comments no comment

**Question 8 (b): Are there any other types (including hard to treat) that you would like to be included as a case study?** Yes  No

**Question 8 (c): If yes please state type and say why you think they should be included?**

Comments no comment

**Question 9: What are your views on using the SAP/RdSAP methodology for regulating energy performance in the social rented sector?**

Comments no comment

**Question 10: Do the 'Baseline: 1990 Measures' accurately reflect the energy efficiency performance of dwellings at that time?**

Yes  No

**If not, please provide details.**

Commentsno comment

**Question 11: Are the suggested improvements in the 'Further Measures' and 'Advanced Measures' columns of the case studies realistic and feasible?**

Yes  No

Commentsno comment

**Question 11 (a): Please provide further explanation of any measures that you think should not be included within the modelled case studies.**

Commentsno comment

**Question 11 (b): Please provide further explanation of any measures not currently included in the case study modelling that you would like to see included?**

Commentsno comment

**Question 12: Taking into account the factors outlined in paragraphs 6.5 and 6.6 of the consultation document, do you agree that establishing a minimum Environmental Impact rating for the main dwelling types is the most practicable format for the standard?**

Yes  No

**If not, please explain why.**

Comments

**Question 13: If you think that the standard should be a minimum Environmental Impact rating, do you think that there should also be a safeguard that the dwelling's *current* Energy Efficiency rating should not reduce?**

Yes  No

Comments

**Question 14: In assessing your stock against the proposal for a new standard for social housing, do you foresee any significant challenges in obtaining individual property details across your stock?**

Yes  No

**If yes, please explain why.**

Commentsno comment

**Question 15: Do you think that the ratings at paragraph 6.7 of the consultation document are suitably challenging?**

**If not, please give explanations why not and suggest more suitable ratings.**

Yes  No

Commentsno comment

**Question 16: Do you think the suggested energy efficiency rating for electrically heated detached homes and bungalows undermines the SHQS? Please explain your choice.**

Yes  No

Commentsno comment

**Question 17: What are your views on whether all social rented dwellings should be heated by gas, electricity or renewable heat sources by 2030?**

For reasons of geography this proposal may be difficult to achieve.

**Question 18: Do you think that either of the options set aside ('Establish a set of measures that all homes would be required to meet' OR 'Set a minimum**

percentage reduction in emissions for each of the different dwelling types') **should be reconsidered?**

Yes  No

**If yes**, please explain which option you prefer and why.

Comments

**Question 19: Do you agree that the standard should apply to all individual homes and not be aggregated across a landlord's stock? Is this practicable?**

Comments Yes the standard should be applied to all individual homes.

**Question 20: Paragraph 6.14 in the consultation document suggests a way of dealing with those more unusual properties that are harder or more expensive to treat. The approach is to use the 1990 base assumptions to record a baseline for each individual dwelling and then to calculate a set percentage reduction to identify a required improvement. Do you agree that this approach to **unusual dwellings** could offer a reasonable way forward for applying a standard to these dwellings?**

Yes  No

Comments

**Question 20(a): Do you agree that the percentage reduction for **unusual dwellings** should correspond to Climate Change targets and be set at 42%?**

Yes  No

**If not**, at what level do you think the reduction for unusual dwelling should be set that will be achievable but provide a meaningful contribution to the improved energy efficiency of social rented housing?

Comments no comment

**Question 21: Do you think that there should be exceptions to the proposed energy efficiency standard? If so, how should they be treated?**

Yes  No

Comments no comment

**Question 22: Are there any other relevant sources of funding that can help social landlords improve the energy efficiency of their stock?**

Comments no comment

**Question 23: Given the range of financial assistance available to landlords, do you agree that the standard can be achieved without disproportionate cost? If not, please explain why.**

Yes  No

Commentsno comment

**Question 24: We see an opportunity to advance gender equality in the creation of jobs to undertake the retrofitting works in industries that have traditionally been male-dominated. Your views on how we can maximise gender equality in job creation would be welcome.**

Commentsno comment

**Question 25: Are there any other data sources you could suggest to monitor the proposed energy efficiency standard?**

Comments no comment

**Question 26: Would you welcome the Scottish Housing Regulator (SHR) monitoring the proposed standard both in the interim period and longer-term or would you prefer an alternative body to carry out this role? If so, who and how?**

Yes  No

Commentsno comment

**Question 27: Are there any other costs associated with monitoring landlords' progress towards the energy efficiency standard?**

Yes  No

Comments no comment

**Question 28: Should there be regular milestones to measure progress towards 2050? If so, what dates would you suggest?**

Yes  No

Comments no comment

**Question 29: Do you agree that setting the longer-term milestones should be deferred until progress towards 2020 can be reviewed?**

Yes  No

Comments no comment

**Question 30: Do you consider there to be any further opportunities within the Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing to promote equality issues. If so, please outline what action you would like us to take.**

Comments no comment