

**Session 3: External Policy, with a Focus  
on Fuel Poverty and Transport**

**21<sup>st</sup> September, 2015, 1.45-5pm  
Lunch will be available from 1pm**

**Islesburgh Community Centre, Lerwick**

**EQUAL SHETLAND**  
Tackling  
Inequalities  
Commission

**Questions for the Session**

- **What are the inequalities? (including age, gender etc.)**
- **What is the impact on individuals, households and communities of these inequalities?  
Think about inequality of opportunity, too.**
- **What is the impact on Shetland, thinking about the economy, society (including health, housing and crime), and environment?**
- **What are the big issues, and key challenges in terms of Shetland's inequalities?**
- **What are the root causes(s)?**
- **What are the solutions / mitigations?**
- **One achievable quick win .....**
- **What would you like to know more about?**

**1.45 Introductory Session**

Alastair Hamilton, Chair of the Commission

1. Welcome & Apologies
2. Note of Last Meeting (attached)
  - a. Approval
  - b. Matters Arising
3. Report of Session 2 (attached)

**2.05 Fuel Poverty**

Presentation:

Maggie Sandison, Director of Infrastructure Services, SIC

Karen Eunson, Manager, Shetland Islands CAB

Background Information:

Shetland CAB Fuel Bills Survey Report, 2013: <http://www.shetland-communities.org.uk/subsites/CAB/fuel-survey.htm> (attached)

**2.25 Q & A**

Maggie Sandison, Director of Infrastructure Services, SIC

Karen Eunson, Manager, Shetland Islands CAB

Catherine Harper, Depute Manager of Shetland Islands Citizen's Advice Bureau, Lerwick

Tracey Saunders, Energy Efficiency Officer, Carbon Management Team, SIC

**2.40 Group Work**

**3.20 Feedback & Developing Recommendations**

**3.30 BREAK**

**3.40 Travel and Transport**

Presentation:

Michael Craigie, Executive Manager, Transport Planning, SIC

- 3.55 **Q & A**  
Michael Craigie, Executive Manager, Transport Planning, SIC
- 4.05 **Group Work**
- 4.45 **Feedback & Developing Recommendations**
- 4.55 **Next Steps**
- 5.00 **END**

### **Additional Background Reading**

- **Energy Advice in Detail** (<http://www.cas.org.uk/publications/advice-detail-energy-2012/13>). Details all of the advice provided by the Citizens Advice Service in Scotland.
- **Scottish Government’s Progress Report on the Fuel Poverty Statement and Strategy** (<http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2015/01/2420>). This is a government publication, providing a good overview of the key fuel poverty policy issues in Scotland and some of the challenges to be overcome if the November 2016 statutory target is to be reached.
- **The Western Isles Energy Advisory Service Fuel Poverty Report 2014** ([http://www.theenergyadvisoryservice.co.uk/downloads/FuelPovertyReport2014\\_Email-Layout.pdf](http://www.theenergyadvisoryservice.co.uk/downloads/FuelPovertyReport2014_Email-Layout.pdf)) evidence that fuel poverty is a more extreme problem for Island communities. Some people have questioned the methodology underpinning the research, so it should be used with caution.
- **The Fuel Poverty Monitor 2014-2015** (<http://www.theclaymoreproject.com/uploads/associate/365/file/EAS%20Publications/FPM%202014-2015.pdf>). Maps out the issues and makes some recommendations on things that could be done about it.
- Providing **energy advice** to the public, e.g. the bespoke advice provided by Energy Best Deal sessions (<http://www.cas.org.uk/bureau-zone/advice-giving/energy-best-deal-2014/15>), and other sources of advice.
- Promoting **energy efficiency improvements** to people’s properties (see “Coming in from the Cold” (<http://www.cas.org.uk/publications/coming-cold>), an evidence review that makes the case for minimum standards of energy efficiency in private sector housing.
- Health impacts (for England and Wales but applicable): **Fuel Poverty and Cold Home – related health problems**: [https://www.gov.uk/.../Briefing7\\_Fuel\\_poverty\\_health\\_inequalities.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/.../Briefing7_Fuel_poverty_health_inequalities.pdf)