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PEPA offers guide and assistance to local authorities on MEES Compliance

Trade body research helps to establish best practice

Minimum Energy Efficiency Standard legislation, often referred to as MEES, states that it is a residential landlord's responsibility to ensure that every privately rented property, with a very few exceptions, must hold a valid Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) demonstrating that it is rated at Band E, or better. It is planned that this will rise to a Band C minimum within the next few years, and possibly as early as 2025.

The Property Energy Professionals Association (PEPA) was delighted to learn that [BEIS had offered money to local authorities to investigate and enforce MEES compliance](#). Fifty-nine local authorities took up the BEIS offer and PEPA thought that it would be useful to undertake a review of how the money was being spent, what best practice looked like, and to help other authorities learn from the exercise.

Martyn Reed, PEPA Executive Member said; 'Our survey was sent to each of the fifty-nine authorities and PEPA was delighted that nearly a third responded with evidence of creative thought and some great ideas. Responses can be grouped in to five main areas of activity which are Responsibility, Awareness, Engagement, Analysis and Enforcement.

The headlines from each are:

- Appointing expert dedicated team members to be responsible for compliance
- Using leaflets, radio, social media and press releases to build widespread awareness
- Interacting pro-actively and positively with landlords
- Analysing EPC and council data to focus activity
- Engaging with tenants and using the enforcement tools available

PEPA has created an information pack for local authorities using the detailed feedback, and will provide whatever assistance it can to assist with the effective implementation and oversight of this important piece of legislation

Martyn added: 'We are very thankful to all the authorities that responded, and trust that those that didn't are spending the money wisely. We have been impressed with the creativity that is being applied; and the projects funded by BEIS do not complete until April 2022, so there is still time for further action to be taken.'

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Notes to Editors

About the Property Energy Professionals Association (PEPA)

The Property Energy Professionals Association (PEPA) is a trade body which represents business that is engaged in the provision of Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs), Display Energy Certificates



(DECs) and Air Conditioning Inspection Reports (ACIRs). Members of the Association comprise the accreditation schemes that oversee these products and the energy assessors that produce them.

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