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<b>PART B:</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL</b>
<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>31 MARCH 2016</b>
<b>REPORT OF THE:</b>	<b>CHAIRMAN OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE CLLR ROBERT WAINWRIGHT</b>
<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>SCRUTINY REVIEW – FUEL POVERTY AND AFFORDABLE WARMTH</b>
<b>WARDS AFFECTED:</b>	<b>ALL</b>

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 This report includes the recommendations to Council arising from the above review.

### **2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 i) It is recommended that the Policy and Resources Committee discuss each recommendation and provide a view on each of those numbered 1 to 5 within the report.

ii) It is further recommended that members support the preferred option 4, to take all data options, to be funded from commuted sums collected by the Council related to affordable housing delivery.

### **3.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

3.1 To enable a view to be made from the committee to Council on the five recommendations to be considered, including the possible source of funding for the survey referred to in recommendation 5.

### **4.0 SIGNIFICANT RISKS**

4.1 There are no significant risks in considering the recommendations.

### **5.0 POLICY CONTEXT AND CONSULTATION**

5.1 The proposals are within existing Council policy and the report attached provides the detail of the review undertaken.

## **REPORT**

## 6.0 REPORT DETAILS

6.1 Attached to this report is the Final report of the review undertaken by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee into Fuel Poverty and Affordable Warmth. This was agreed by the Committee on 1 October 2015. The Committee made the following recommendations to Council:

1. That the Council should in future refer to fuel poverty as affordable warmth. Fuel poverty is the problem to be addressed and affordable warmth is the outcome to be achieved.
2. That the Council should continue to report on both of the fuel poverty indicators for Ryedale when reporting on the delivery of the Councils Business Plan
3. That the Council should continue to prioritise increasing wage levels in Ryedale by creating the conditions for economic success
4. To continue to challenge the assumptions made about those most likely to be affected by fuel poverty and continue to lobby for support for solutions which work in rural communities, and for all vulnerable households including young families, and anyone who is socially isolated.
5. To agree the funding for a stock condition survey for all property in Ryedale to provide the data to support the development and targeting of future initiatives to improve affordable warmth throughout the district. A business case for the procurement of a stock condition survey is attached at Annex B.

## 7.0 IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The following implications have been identified:

- a) Financial  
The agreement to fund a Stock Condition survey would require resources to be allocated from the commuted sums collected by the Council in relation to Affordable Housing delivery.
- b) Legal  
There are no significant legal issues in considering this report.
- c) Other  
There are no significant other issues in considering this report.

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**Background Papers:**  
See the review report attached