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## Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

Written Statement made by: **Minister for Energy Consumers (Martin McCluskey)** on 21 Jan 2026.

### Warm Homes Plan & Fuel Poverty Strategy

Today, the Government is publishing the Warm Homes Plan, alongside the Fuel Poverty Strategy for England.

The Warm Homes Plan – the biggest public investment in home upgrades in British history, delivering total public investment of £15 billion – will upgrade Britain's homes to tackle the cost-of-living crisis and help lift one million households out of fuel poverty. The plan has three key pillars:

#### 1. Low-income offer

At the Budget, the Chancellor took an average of £150 of costs off energy bills from April 2026, cutting the number of those needing to spend more than 10% of their income on energy bills by over a million. Building on this, the Warm Homes Plan involves £5 billion of public investment to directly deliver home upgrades for low-income families – the biggest public investment in tackling fuel poverty in our history. Low-income households will receive free of charge packages of upgrades, depending on which technologies are most suitable for their homes. We are also today publishing an updated Fuel Poverty Strategy for England, which sets out our plan to lift 1 million households out of fuel poverty by 2030.

#### 2. An offer for everyone

The Warm Homes Plan ensures that the benefits of new technologies like heat pump, solar or batteries are available to families of every income. We are setting aside £2 billion to subsidise zero and low interest loans for solar panels, batteries and other technologies, with a further £3 billion available for loans and investments in home upgrades over the coming years through our Warm Homes Fund.

The Government is increasing investment in the Boiler Upgrade Scheme every year to 2030 and supporting a wider range of technologies including heat battery or air-to-air heat pumps that can also cool homes in the summer. We are working with industry to simplify heat pump installation and to reduce install times. We are also launching a new Warm Homes Agency to support consumers.

#### 3. New protections for renters

1.6 million children living in private accommodation currently suffer from cold, damp or mould. The government believes that if you rent a home, private or social, a landlord has a responsibility to ensure that it is safe, warm and affordable. We are introducing new measures which, by 2030, require private landlords to upgrade their properties to meet minimum standards of energy efficiency in a fair way over several years.

The Warm Homes Plan is a landmark plan to cut energy bills for millions of families, reduce fuel poverty and create good jobs, while doing the right thing for current and future generations.