

Green Deal Bulletin December 2011

Give your views on the Green Deal consultation

Our consultation is now well underway. So far, we've attended over eighty events and meetings across the country to discuss the detail of our proposals - and have many more planned. As well as being able to [read the detail of the consultation through our website](#), I would also direct you to [my recent Blog post on the consultation](#).

We are also planning on running a live web chat for 1 hour on Thursday 15 December, starting at Midday. This will be a great opportunity for you to get your questions on the Green Deal and ECO consultation (which closes on 18th January 2012) answered by members of the Green Deal Team. More information will be posted on the DECC website shortly.

Greg Barker

£200m funding boost for Green Deal

On 24th November we announced £200m of new and additional Government funding to provide a special time-limited 'introductory' offer to boost the early take up of the Government's Green Deal energy efficiency scheme. [More details on this can be found on the DECC website](#).

Green Deal Providers' Roles and Responsibilities

From mid December, we will be undertaking a series of visits and activities with potential Green Deal providers with the aim of setting out an overview of their role and responsibilities. The first of these will be run with the UK Green Building Council.

We are also organising a series of practical monthly workshops with potential Green Deal providers, to discuss the specific requirements and technical issues of the role. We will issue invitations for these sessions shortly. If you would like more information or to attend please email green.deal@decc.gsi.gov.uk with the subject heading 'Green Deal Providers' Roles & Responsibilities'.

Green Deal Procurements

The Procurement of an energy saving advice service is well underway. Those selected to tender have been invited to submit their proposals and we expect to announce the chosen supplier early in the new year. The advice service will play a key role in supporting consumer confidence in the Green Deal and increasing the uptake of measures. We have also launched the procurement of two further Green Deal services, the administration of the Energy Company Obligation and a Green Deal Registration and Oversight Body.

Green Deal Advisor (GDA) Certification

To help us ensure consistent, high quality Green Deal assessments the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS) has been appointed to accredit Certification Bodies that will themselves certify that an individual GDA or company employing multiple GDAs is capable of providing the Green Deal assessment to an agreed standard.

UKAS are currently piloting the proposed certification framework and in support of this we have been working on the following draft documents:

- A specification for the provision of Green Deal Advisor Services; and
- Guidelines for Certification Bodies who will certify against the specification.

If you would like to request copies of these documents by emailing:

green.deal@decc.gsi.gov.uk with the subject heading 'Green Deal Advisor certification documents'. The **deadline for responses will be 9 December**. We will review responses and prepare final versions of the specifications by the end of January 2012.