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Free Home Energy Checks for Selby residents

Selby District Council, in partnership with the Energy Saving Trust, is offering residents free home energy checks – which could help save up to £300 a year on household energy bills.

Completing a straight-forward questionnaire will give residents a personalised report showing how much energy can be saved per household and how much money from household bills can be saved.

The impartial checks can be carried out in three different ways:

- Residents can call their local Energy Saving Trust advice centre on free phone **0800 512 012** and an adviser can complete the questionnaire over the phone;
- Residents can call the same telephone number to receive a free paper copy of the questionnaire by post;
- Complete the questionnaire online and receive the results instantly by visiting www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/check.

The report only takes a few minutes to complete and shows how energy efficient a home is and which simple changes can be made to save energy, money and help prevent climate change.

The Energy Saving Trust is supported by local authorities across North Yorkshire, including Selby and provides free, impartial and expert advice about making your home more energy efficient. Valuing our environment and reducing our carbon footprint, is one of Selby District Council's strategic priorities.

Councillor Chris Metcalfe, Chair of the Council's Environment Board, urged residents directly to take up this opportunity. He said, "These reports give residents simple, easy to follow tips and advice on changes they can make to make their homes more efficient. But it's not just about cutting energy consumption, it is also a great chance for residents to find out how they could also save money spent on household bills. And we're not just talking about saving a few pennies – this energy check can help households save a significant amount of money.

"This is something that is particularly important at the moment as during the recent cold weather, many residents will have turned their heating up and may be facing increased heating bills. Completing this questionnaire is just one of many small things we can do in the battle against climate change."

Selby District Council's commitment to acting on climate change is set out in the *Nottingham Declaration on Climate Change*, which the authority signed in 2006. As a result Selby District Council has produced a strategy and action plan on climate change, which aims to raise awareness of climate change, reduce the Council's own carbon emissions and explains how the authority will adapt services and support to help residents and businesses deal with the effects of climate change.

Full details can be found on the Council's website: www.selby.gov.uk. Further information about other actions individuals can take to tackle climate change can also be found on the website.

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Notes to Editors:

The Council's climate change strategy supports one of the Council's long-term strategic themes, namely *Protecting the environment*.

To receive a personalised report showing you how much energy and money you can save in your home, go to the following link <http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/check> or call **0800 512 012**.

For more information on Selby District Council – visit our website www.selby.gov.uk

