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### Applied Energy Product's Decent Homes Support Package

Anyone working within the social housing sector can now get help meeting the Decent Homes Standard (DHS). The Decent Homes Support Package has been developed by Applied Energy Products to give anyone who supplies or provides services to the social housing sector advice and information.

#### What is the Decent Homes Standard?

- The government invested in social housing between 1945 – 1953, resulting in a housing boom. However a lack of commitment from subsequent governments led to under investment and deterioration of council stock.
- In July 2000, the government announced a significant increase in resources for social housing and a target was set to bring all social housing up to a 'decent standard' by 2010.
- The introduction of the Decent Homes Standard is the first comprehensive review of housing for 23 years. It proposes modernisation and reform across a whole range of issues and aims to promote social cohesion, well-being and self-dependence, as well as offering everyone the opportunity of a decent home.

#### What does the DHS mean for people in the industry?

- Social housing landlords must deliver housing that meets the Decent Homes Standard. A 'decent home' is defined as one that is wind and weather tight, warm and has modern facilities.
- There are four key components to the Decent Homes Standard:
  - Fitness for habitation
  - Disrepair
  - Modern facilities
  - Reasonable degree of thermal comfort

- By 2004, the number of social housing properties that failed the standard should have reduced by one third.
- All social rented homes should meet the Standard by 2010.
- Current estimates are that around 60% of housing association homes (some 185,000 dwellings) would fail the standard.

**How can Applied Energy Products help housing professionals to meet the DHS?**

- Applied Energy Products offers a range of advice and information through its Decent Homes Support Package. This includes
  - Service support (both technical and after-sales)
  - Partnering
  - Bespoke literature
  - CPD-accredited training
  - Specialist advice
  - Insight bulletins
  - Website
  - Roadshows
- Applied Energy Products is a market leader in air management, space and water heating, through the Xpelair, Creda and Redring brands.
- It can provide bespoke, tailored solutions to overcome problems associated with energy efficiency, heating and ventilation, which are particularly common in social housing.

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