



VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL

PROJECT PROPOSAL

WARMER VENTNOR

1) PURPOSE

- a) To provide practical support for elderly and vulnerable Ventnor residents who are struggling to cope with high fuel bills often in poorly insulated homes.
- b) To fund assessments of individual need carried out by The Footprint Trust.

2) PROVIDER

- a) The Footprint Trust is a local charity with over 10 years' experience in delivering projects to save energy and keep people warmer.
- b) The Trust offers free home visits to elderly and vulnerable people who are struggling to cope with high fuel bills, often living in poorly insulated homes. Every year the Trust gives tailored guidance to many hundreds of people. People are signposted to free or reasonably priced insulation initiatives.
- c) The Trust has knowledge of many National schemes that have helped hundreds of local people over the past 10 years of its operation.
- d) However, often a simple solution to making someone warmer cannot be offered. All some people need is a good set of thick curtains, to keep out draughts, or a tradesman to refit a window. These simple measures generally cost between £100 and £500...but grants are not available.
- e) More information is available from their website: www.footprint-trust.co.uk.

3) PROPOSAL

- a) The Town Council, Social Services, Homestart and other agencies will be asked to refer Ventnor residents who need guidance on energy matters to Footprint Trust for a free home visit and assessment of their needs.
- b) The Trust will first explore what grants are available from existing sources for those individuals in need of additional assistance.
- c) Where no grant assistance is available, the Trust will prepare a short written report suggesting the measures needed and the cost, up to a maximum of £500, for submission to the Town Clerk and Mayor.
- d) Where the proposals are accepted, the Town Council will make payment directly to the trader supplying the goods and/or service.

4) FUNDING

It is proposed that a total provision of £5,000 be included in the Town Council's 2012/13 budget, funded from the precept.