

Applied Energy – Fact Sheet

DISPLAY ENERGY CERTIFICATES

Key Information for Building Owners and Operators

Why? Display Energy Certificates (DECs) are aimed to raise public awareness of energy use and to inform visitors to public buildings about the energy efficiency of the building.

For Whom? A DEC and advisory report are required for buildings with a total useful floor area over 1,000m² that are occupied in whole or part by public authorities and by institutions providing public services to a large number of persons and therefore frequently visited by those persons.

What are they? A DEC shows the energy performance of a building, based on actual metered energy consumption annually over a period of 12 months. Performance is rated on a **A** to **G** scale; **A** being very efficient and **G** being the least efficient. If the Asset Rating (AR) for the building is available by way of an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) then this will be shown on the DEC. A DEC is valid for one year.

An advisory report must accompany the DEC which contains recommendations for improving the energy performance of the building. Advisory reports are valid for seven years.

When? By the 1st October 2008, those buildings requiring a DEC will need to display a DEC showing an operational rating in a prominent place clearly visible to the public. By 1 October 2008 you will also need to have in your possession or control a valid advisory report. The government is looking to extend the requirement for DEC's to the public and commercial sectors, however no definitive dates have been detailed at this time.

How? Applied Energy have the technical expertise and necessary accreditation to provide a cost effective service to deliver Display Energy Certificates.

Other Opportunities? Whilst carrying out this work Applied Energy may be able to identify additional cost effective savings opportunities which could aid in improving the performance of the building.

Contact: Geoff Peters (geoff.peters@appliedenergy.co.uk 07957 142 360) at Applied Energy for an initial chat for some guidance on how best to proceed.

