

# News Release

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## Free Loft Insulation for Peterborough Residents...

**Peterborough Environment City Trust (PECT) with Scottish & Southern Energy are launching a new scheme which will allow Peterborough residents to insulate their homes for free or at substantially reduced rates.**

Project Manager Mark Randall explains, 'Without insulation homes lose up to 75% of heat through the roof, floors and walls, with another 25% lost through windows and doors. Adding home insulation will improve comfort levels in homes, reduce heating bills, and help save the environment through reducing harmful carbon dioxide emissions. PECT has been working hard to secure this grant for Peterborough residents and we are delighted to be able to launch it now'.

The free loft insulation scheme is subject to qualifying criteria and is on a first come first served basis due to a limited fund.

### Qualifying Criteria for free loft insulation scheme:

- Properties must be owner occupied.
- Residents must be aged 60 years or over, be in receipt of a state pension as the main source of income and if receiving a private pension which does not exceed the amount paid by the state pension and if total household income is less than £18,000.
- Households in receipt of a means tested benefit such as working families tax credit or pensions credit.

Those who do not qualify for the 100% grant could still qualify for some assistance towards the cost of insulating their home. It could cost as little as £200 for cavity wall or £249 loft insulation for a 3 bed semi-detached house.

For more information, to find out whether you are eligible for a grant, and to register for a grant while funds last, please contact PECT's Energy Services Team on freephone 0800 7834761.

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### Notes to Editor

1. **Peterborough Environment City Trust (PECT)** is a charity set up following Peterborough's designation as a UK Environment City. PECT carries out research and implements practical projects to protect and improve the environment. Our mission at PECT is to lead and support the city in delivering growth and regeneration in a truly environmentally sustainable way. As a successful charity we work with a wide variety of stakeholders to make a difference for our environment – through innovation, enterprise and commitment to action on the ground. PECT has a strong track record of delivering projects of regional and national significance. It has a staff of 29 working on initiatives from green spaces to business environmental management to sustainable communities and lifestyles.

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