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Better boilers to save money

Tower Hamlets Homes has installed new boilers in nearly 900 properties since April last year, spending £3 million to ensure residents have cheaper heating and hot water.

The scheme, funded under Tower Hamlets Council's £25 Home Investment Programme, replaces old individual boilers with modern, energy efficient ones.

Tower Hamlets Homes Chief Executive Gavin Cansfield said: "This is an ongoing scheme – by 2012 we want to see that all properties have up to date boilers that will save residents money on their energy bills."

He added: "Once the new boilers are installed, they will be maintained regularly by us."

Tower Hamlets Council's lead member for Housing and Development, Cllr Marc Francis, commented: "We know that many tenants have had to put up with knackered old heating and hot water systems for far too long.

"That's why we have put in 900 new boilers since last year and why we have now come up with the cash needed to install 1,000 more over the next 12 months."

A recipient of one of the new boilers, Whitechapel resident Mrs Ziff, was thrilled with her new boiler after having electrical storage heating for the last 33 years. She said: "It's just great. Instant hot water all the time - just lovely!"

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Notes to editor:

1. Tower Hamlets Homes (THH) is an arm's-length management organisation (ALMO) managing approx. 22,000 tenants and leasehold properties on behalf of the Tower Hamlets council. Tower Hamlets Homes, which went live on 7 July 2008, is a not-for-profit and 100% owned by the TH Council. www.towerhamletshomes.org.uk

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