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## **SUCCESSFUL £1.1 MILLION BID TO CUT ENERGY BILLS AND GENERATE EMPLOYMENT**

Tower Hamlets Homes has secured £1.1million of funding from the Homes and Communities Agency [HCA] to help tackle fuel poverty in the borough.

Tower Hamlets Homes Chief Executive Gavin Cansfield said: "These funds will allow us to target 'hard to insulate' properties, mainly high rise blocks of flats on Tower Hamlets Homes estates.

Mr Cansfield added: "Improving wall insulation will reduce residents' energy bills and cut CO2 emissions."

The contractors, as part of the programme, will appoint local trainees, helping people from Tower Hamlets gain valuable experience and training in the construction industry. It will also provide them with an opportunity for permanent employment with the contractors.

Tower Hamlets Council's Cabinet Member for Housing and Development, Cllr Mark Francis said: "We know many of our residents sometimes struggle to keep their homes warm during the winter and so we are delighted that Tower Hamlets Homes has been able to secure this extra funding to help make that easier in future."

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### **Notes to editor:**

1. Tower Hamlets Homes (THH) is an arm's-length management organisation (ALMO) managing approximately 22,000 tenants and leasehold properties on behalf of the Tower Hamlets council. [www.towerhamletshomes.org.uk](http://www.towerhamletshomes.org.uk)

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