



Subject:	District Electoral Area Profiles – LAEP Dataset
Date:	12 th June 2025
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No

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Sometime in the future
Never

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Is the decision eligible for Call-in?

Yes

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No

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1.0 Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues

1.1	To present the District Electoral Area Profiles, created using the modelled data outputs from the Local Area Energy Plan.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is requested to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Note the contents of the profiles II. Consider suggestions for changes/improvements to the profiles
2.2	Background <p>One of the main outputs of the Local Area Energy Plan (LAEP) was a detailed dataset that highlights key characteristics of homes across Belfast relating to energy efficiency. Council data analysts have expanded this dataset to link more indicators relating to household characteristics (tenure, acorn categories and descriptions).</p>
2.3	Purpose of the Profiles <p>The profiles allow users to explore different indicators in areas across the city.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current EPC • Potential EPC • Tenure • Main fuel type • Property type • Insulation type • Window type • Acorn categories and descriptions
2.4	The main geographical focus of the profiles is District Electoral Area, however the variables listed above can be broken down further into Datazones and Super Datazones. These are smaller areas of around 300 households in a Datazone, and approximately 800 households in a Super Datazone. Both of these geographies were designed to analyse data for the 2021 Census. It is also possible to amalgamate the data up into quadrants, North, South, East and West.
2.5	Data linkages <p>The LAEP dataset has also been linked with the Acorn Database. This database is created using postcode data and common characteristics within areas and can be used to help understand the different needs of communities in different areas.</p>
2.4	Further opportunities <p>Council data analysts have created a retrofit index that amalgamates different variables into one index that will help indicate areas in most need of retrofit. There are also other opportunities to link general population demographics to the profiles to that are currently being explored.</p>
2.5	Next Steps <p>We would like to know if the profiles are useful to members and what other information should be included. The main purpose of these profiles is to use the LAEP data in a timely manner before it becomes outdated.</p> <p>The profiles will be accessible through the climate data platform test site on interlink.</p>

3.1	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None currently needed.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>N/A</p>