

Some Hammar members are members of the Marches Sustainable Housing Partnership chaired by Marches Energy Agency. Here are some snippets from their recent news update:

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Marches LEP publish draft European Structural and Investment Funds

A draft publication sets out the strategy for the upcoming £98 million euro funding for the period 2014-2020, across the Marches, with the shift to the low carbon economy being a priority.

<http://bit.ly/1aGXDYx>

Mr Cameron: 'Don't 'roll back' ECO!'

The fallout from increasing energy bills and political spats about approaches to energy bills, green levies and the UK's energy mix has continued this month. Industry figures have warned the Prime Minister that rolling back Energy Company Obligation (ECO), an option that has been muted, would severely impact on jobs and would increase bills in the long run by preventing much needed delivery of efficiency work on our ageing stock - <http://bit.ly/17sbSlq>.

Slow start to Green Deal forces re-structure among pioneer provider

The continuing slow uptake of Green Deal has prompted Carillion (seen as a pioneer provider within the Green Deal) to begin a restructuring costing up to £40m. A statement read: "The slow start to the whole of the Green Deal market, which, together with the delayed start to the Energy Company Obligation (ECO) market, is affecting our revenue expectations from energy services." -

<http://bit.ly/17wu0Zr>

Green Deal interest rate to be probed by task force

A group of 17 industry firms, including influential Contractors Carillion, Keepmoat and Willmott Dixon, who have been organised by UK-GBC, will investigate problems surrounding the interest rate of Green Deal lending, often blamed for poor uptake - <http://bit.ly/1ao5Tyj>

Latest Green Deal Statistics show 57 properties have received measures

Latest figures for October show 57 households have 'live' Green Deal plans, and the number of assessments continues to rise steadily. However, ECO struggles to deliver the significant solid wall insulation measures it hoped - <http://bit.ly/19LiDec>

'Big Six are falling behind in delivering ECO Targets' – LGA

The LGA have suggested that despite collecting £1bn from levies on householder bills, collectively the big six are more than 60% behind in terms of delivering measures through ECO, especially to the most vulnerable in society - <http://bit.ly/1eUeVIV>