

## LOWER ENERGY BILLS FOR WATMOS RESIDENTS

Walsall residents can look forward to lower energy bills this year after WATMOS Community Homes were awarded a £333,000 grant by the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) to help make their properties greener and more energy efficient.

The grant will help provide cavity wall insulation to 556 of the high rise properties run by tenant management organisations in the area and was awarded as part of the Government's Social Housing Energy Saving Programme. WATMOS Community Homes is the lead organisation within a consortium that submitted a bid for the funding.



Work will begin at the Burrowes Street, Chuckery and Sandbank TMOs in September and will be completed by March 2010.

Peter Astbury, Property Services Manager at WATMOS, said: "Being awarded this grant will ensure we increase the number of our properties with cavity wall insulation leading to improved energy efficiency and reduced levels of carbon emissions"

Terry Edis, Chair of WATMOS Community Homes, said: "This is a real achievement for WATMOS; not only will it help make our existing housing stock greener, but it will lend a hand to our residents to help lower their energy bills, which is of particular concern to us during this current economic climate".

Residents can find out more by logging on to the HCA website: [www.homesandcommunities.co.uk/funding-for-greener-homes-and-cheaper-energy-bills.htm](http://www.homesandcommunities.co.uk/funding-for-greener-homes-and-cheaper-energy-bills.htm)