

Carbon monoxide monitors to be installed in Edinburgh homes

Carbon monoxide monitors will be installed in every council home in Edinburgh with a gas supply over the next two years.

The decision was taken today (5 October) at the meeting of the City of Edinburgh Council's Health, Social Care and Housing Committee.

Around 18,000 council homes in the Capital have a gas supply and the move will cost around £400,000 to install the detectors.

Although the Council has no legal obligation to install the detectors it was felt such a move would prioritise home safety and give tenants increased peace of mind. It does have a statutory duty to annually service and maintain all gas appliances and installations every year.

Councillor Paul Edie, Housing Leader for Edinburgh, said: "We have an excellent record of carrying out our gas checks with 100% of our homes serviced within the statutory framework.

"Whilst there have been no deaths in our council homes attributed to carbon monoxide poisoning I am sure our tenants will welcome this additional safety measure by putting their safety first.

"This is another fine example of why this Council has rightly been judged as providing the best local authority housing service in Scotland."