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Message

Trading Standards has been made aware that some producers of commercial Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs) may be writing to local parish councils telling them they need EPCs for their village halls etc. and risk large fines if they do not comply. Please note that this is **not** correct because an EPC is only required for a building when constructed, sold or let.

To remind you - a Display Energy Certificate (DEC) and advisory report are required for buildings with a total useful floor area over 1,000m² that are occupied in whole or part by public authorities and by institutions providing public services to a large number of persons and therefore frequently visited by those persons. For further information on DEC's please see the following document: <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/displayenergycertificates> and note the flowchart on page 9 to help you find out whether your building may require a DEC.

Please be assured that help and advice is available freely from Trading Standards to parish councils and businesses. Prosecution is only used only as a very last resort if appropriate.

Contact Trading Standards via Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06.

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Signed

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