



Report to Climate Change, Economy and Development Transitional Committee 10th February 2022

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Subject: Domestic Retrofit working group

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Introduction

At the meeting of the Climate Change, Economy and Development Transitional Committee of 10th November 2021, it was agreed that the committee would carry out an exploration of domestic retrofit, with a particular focus on how this could contribute to social justice in the city.

It has been proposed with the Chair and the Cooperative Executive Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport that this work should take the form of three sessions of the committee, with a view to making advisory recommendations that would be considered in the development the planned housing route-map which will be developed this year. Proposed objectives are as follows:

- To increase committee member understanding of retrofit, the benefits, what we are already doing in the city, the challenges we face in moving towards net zero, to share a range of solutions currently being carried out elsewhere
- To reach a shared cross-party view on the Council's commitment to retrofitting its homes and to scaling up retrofit across the city, particularly maximising social justice outcomes
- To identify some initial advisory recommendations for next steps.

Proposal

The sessions will be as follows:

- 10th February: Introduction to domestic retrofit, including:
 - defining domestic retrofit,
 - local and national policy and the recommendations of the Pathways to Decarbonisation report,
 - benefits of and barriers to retrofit,

- understanding retrofit in Sheffield, including work being carried out so far
- some approaches and solutions to retrofit from other organisations
- 24th February: Evidence gathering session hearing from three other local authorities and/or combined authorities whose work in this area is already well-advanced. It is proposed that this session takes place virtually over Teams and is held in private to allow those giving evidence to speak freely of their experiences (a summary of evidence approved by evidence givers will be published following the session)
- 10th March: Consideration of the submitted evidence and recommendations

Whilst this is a significant piece of work and will increase understand of the issue for the Committee, time restrictions prevent it from being fully comprehensive. It is there anticipated that recommendations will be advisory and provide a steer and guidance for future action and decisions under the new governance arrangements.

The Committee is being asked to:

- Agree the proposed schedule of work
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