

The London Warmer Greener Buildings programme

1. Recommendations

That the Joint Committee note the contents of this report.

2. Background

- For over 30 years LHC has offered a procurement framework for improving energy efficiency of buildings (our N8 framework).
- In recent years this offer has evolved to meet the growing and urgent needs of our clients to achieve lower carbon emissions.
- As such, we strive to identify and participate in any key initiatives and collaborations supporting this aim.
- SPA have been particularly successful in Scotland in supporting delivery of the Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing (ESSH) and are now currently involved in ESSH2.
- Other engagements include:
 - National Retrofit Strategy with the Construction Leadership Council
 - Net Zero Wales Plan via WPA
 - North East England Climate Coalition (NEECCO) with our partners Northern Housing Consortium
- The London Warmer Greener Building programme is London's initiative to achieve its net zero ambitions.

3. Aim

- London's buildings are responsible for two-thirds of the capital's carbon emissions
- The London Warmer Greener Buildings programme attempts to bring together all the various built environment projects and initiatives currently underway in London to achieve the Mayor's plans to make the city net zero carbon by 2030.
- The programme prescribes action in three sectors: domestic, commercial and public sector.
- In achieving these aims the Greater London Authority is working with the London Councils, the umbrella organisation representing the 32 borough councils and the City of London.
- It also has the support of the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS).

4. The domestic sector

- Although LHC has an interest in all three sectors of the programme, we have been invited to contribute to the programme due to our experience in housing (the Chair of London Council's Transport & Environment Committee, Mayor Philip Glanville of Hackney, is a strong supporter of LHC).
- London homes account for 33% of emissions so retrofitting homes is a key element in achieving the aim.
- A specific Retrofit London Housing Action plan has been devised by London Councils with the support of all 33 councils.

<https://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/our-key-themes/environment/climate-change/retrofit-london-housing-action-plan>

- To achieve net zero the plan:
 - Requires total investment of 98bn (an average investment of £25,900 per home)
 - Will create 196,000 new full-time jobs

5. Funding

- Currently BEIS offer various funding streams to help support council's energy improvement plans:
 - The Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund of £3.6bn...
 - ...of which, around £800m is allocated to the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund
 - Home Upgrade Grant of around £950m
 - Green Homes Grant of around £200m (on top of the £500m already allocated)

6. LHC's involvement

- For the last 12 months I, personally, have been engaging with key individuals at London Councils (Kate Hand, Alex Sewell and Phil Glanville) and with the programme Director at BEIS (Matt Harrison) to promote LHC's interest in this programme and to offer to share our experience through collaboration.
- We have a lot to offer both in terms
 - Our 30 years' experience in this area.
 - Our current nationwide experience (including Scotland EESH programme, Welsh decarbonisation and NEECO in North East) and,
 - Our London resources.
- Currently, the priority for GLA is to signpost councils to their own Retrofit Accelerator framework.
<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/energy/energy-buildings/retrofit-accelerator-workplaces/what-retrofit-accelerator-workplaces>
- However, it is recognised, by all parties, that one single offer will not have sufficient capacity to meet all the needs in London.
- The opportunity for LHC remains high.