

Request: Decarbonising Social Housing Stock

Please note the questionnaire relates to existing housing stock only and not any provision for new build properties.

Section A – Housing Stock

1. How many properties are there within your own housing stock?

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|----|---|-------------------------------------|
| a) | > 1,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) | 2,000 to 5,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) | 5,000 to 10,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) | 10,000 to 15,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e) | 15,000+ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| f) | None – our Council does not own any housing stock | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Section B – Demographic Information

2. What region of England is your Local Authority based?

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|----|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| a) | North East | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) | North West | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| a) | Yorkshire and the Humber | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) | East Midlands | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) | West Midlands | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) | East | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e) | South East | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f) | South West | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| g) | London | <input type="checkbox"/> |

3. What is your position within the organisation?

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|----|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| a) | Director | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) | Managerial | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c) | Administration | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) | Councillor | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e) | Other – please specify | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Section C – Heating and Hot Water Provision

4. Do you feel an immediate shift is necessary to move away from using fossil fuels? Please explain your reasons.

Not immediate but a shift is needed- this is based on technology advances

5. The UK Government is aiming to phase out gas boilers in homes by 2035. Do you think this gives Local Authorities adequate time to implement suitable alternatives within their existing housing stock?

- a) Yes
- b) No

6. Please explain the reasons behind your response.

The volume of stock is significant and I would question the availability of other heat sources

7. How is heating and hot water currently provided to your properties (please tick all that apply)

- a) Gas Boilers
- b) Electric Storage Heaters
- c) Air Source Heat Pumps
- d) Ground Source Heat Pumps
- e) District Heating System
- f) Biomass Boilers
- g) Hydrogen Ready Boilers
- h) Oil Fired Boilers
- i) Other (please specify)

8. If the Government imposes an enforced change of moving away from fossil fuels how will you provide heating and hot water to your existing housing stock?

- a) Electric Storage Heaters
- b) Air Source Heat Pumps
- c) Ground Source Heat Pumps
- d) District Heating System
- e) Biomass Boilers
- f) Hydrogen Ready Boilers
- g) Solar Thermal
- h) No current plans to move away from fossil fuels for heating and hot water provision
- i) Other sources (please specify)

Section D – Retrofit Strategy

9. Have you developed a retrofit strategy to improve the energy efficiency of your existing properties?

- a) Yes
- b) No

10. Please explain which measures you have already or are intending to implement through a retrofit strategy.

Fabric first approach so looking at external insulation, windows and then moving internal

11. Do you receive any funding in relation to your retrofit strategy?

- a) Yes
- b) No

12. Please provide examples of the funding you receive.

13. What measures have you taken to improve the fabric of your existing properties?

- a) External Wall Insulation
- b) Loft Insulation
- c) Cavity Wall Insulation
- d) Floor Insulation
- e) Upgrade of windows and doors
- f) Upgrade of roofs
- g) Rectifying Thermal Bridging
- h) Other (please specify)

14. How many of your properties are rated with an EPC rating of C or above?

- a) > 1,000
- b) 2,000 to 5,000
- c) 5,000 to 10,000

- d) 10,000 to 15,000
- e) 15,000+

Section E – Barriers to Decarbonising Existing Properties

15. In your opinion which of the following factors are barriers to decarbonising existing properties?

- a) Lack of in-house skills and knowledge
- b) Lack of external skills and knowledge
- c) Budgetary constraints
- d) Access to funding
- e) Government guidance
- f) Tenant resistance
- g) Other

16. Has completing this questionnaire prompted you to think differently about decarbonising your housing stock?

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) Don't know

17. Please explain why

We are already thinking about decarbonising the stock