

**Housing and Community Safety Policy &
Scrutiny Committee**

19 October 2021

Report of Director of Housing Economy & Regeneration

Housing Energy Efficiency Strategy

Summary

1. Following City of York Council recognition of the Climate Emergency on 2019, the ambition was set for York to be a net-zero carbon city by 2030. Domestic buildings account for an estimated 31.8% of total emissions, and in December 2019 Executive approved the recommendations of a report that sought to accelerate carbon reduction through retrofit works in housing stock across all tenures. The attached discussion paper sets out the strategic context, plans and current programmes delivered by the council in response to that decision and seeks responses from Members in working towards a Housing Energy Efficiency Strategy for the City.

Council Plan

2. The Community Safety Strategy links to the following priorities within the Council Plan 2019-23.
 - A greener and cleaner city
 - Well paid jobs and an inclusive economy
 - Good health and wellbeing

Implications

3. This paper is for discussion which will shape the direction of the Strategy, there are no formal implications of the recommendations to this Committee.

Risk Management

4. There are no identified risks relevant to this report.

Conclusions

5. Decarbonisation of housing through retrofit across all tenures in the City is an essential component of the council's net zero ambition. There is a complex and often interdependent set of challenges and opportunities in setting out a pathway to doing this, examined in the annexed discussion paper. Progressing the actions identified will support the delivery at the scale needed.

Recommendation

6. Members are asked to consider and comment on the analysis and proposals contained in the Annex, "Discussion Paper – City of York Council Housing Energy Efficiency Strategy"

Reason

7. To update Members on the progress and direction of the Housing Energy Efficiency Strategy.

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Wards Affected:

All

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Attached Papers

- Annex: Discussion Paper – City of York Council Housing Energy Efficiency Strategy
- Appendix A: Housing energy efficiency funding sources