



Green Investment Plan, Cumbria

Making Cumbria's Buildings ready for net zero

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The Challenge

- 70% of properties have an EPC of D – G
- All properties need to be at least C
- To achieve this over 15 years need to retrofit around 220 domestic properties a week
- Plus offices, shops, commercial premises, community buildings.....

Barriers

- What should be done?
- Who can do it?
- What will financial benefit be?
- Upfront costs
- Complexity, hassle, upheaval



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Need to two things in parallel:

1. Build supply chain – jobs and training
2. Provide a long term steady stream of work

Recommendations - NOW



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A Retrofit Strategy for Cumbria

- Informed by a representative survey of the building stock.
- Include local authorities, Cumbria LEP, housing associations, other public sector bodies, CAfS.
- Procurement to support development of local supply chain.
- Funding - Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme, ECO LA Flex, Green Homes LAD, HUG, borrowing powers, loan products offer of local financial institutions.
- Planning powers – new builds, extensions.

Recommendations - NEXT



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Supply chain:

- Develop a Retro-fit skills hub
- Establish a Retrofit Delivery Organisation

Stream of work:

- Develop an advisory and project management service for retrofit

Retrofit delivery organisation and advisory service could both be **community benefit societies**. They could then raise start up/working capital from community share offers, which would enable residents and organisations in Cumbria to invest in them.

Recommendations - NEW



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Supply chain:

- a 'Payment by Results' Scheme to encourage builders/tradespeople to take on apprentices.

Stream of work:

- Develop a carbon credit scheme to reward improvement in energy efficiency.