

Green Jobs, Housing, and Skills

**A Joint Event by the APPG for Housing in the North,
and the APPG for Housing and Social Mobility**

Tuesday 26th October 2021, 13.00 – 14.30

Zoom Webinar [registration](#)

Background

Investment in green home upgrades, through improving energy efficiency and installing renewable heating technology, has the potential to create 325,000 jobs across the UK by 2035 with every region benefitting from associated growth in local enterprises and the wider supply chain; 77,000 jobs alone could be created across the North of England.

Social housing providers have a a critical role to play as a sector with demonstrable historic capacity to deliver home improvement projects. Spearheading investment through the Government's Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund has the potential, over time and done correctly, to undertake a catalytic role that could unlock decarbonisation for housing of other tenures; driving supply chain growth, pushing down costs, and driving up skills development over time. The sector should also begin work now to ensure social housing tenants benefit from these training and job opportunities.

Agenda

Welcome and Introduction from the APPG's for Housing in the North, and Housing and Social Mobility 13.00 – 13.10

Ian Mearns MP, Chair of the APPG for Housing in the North

Peter Aldous MP, Co-Chair of the APPG on Housing and Social Mobility

Keynote Address 13.10 – 13.25

Lord Callanan, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Business, Energy and Corporate Responsibility)

The Government's Ten Point Plan for a Green Industrial Revolution acknowledges that action to make homes and buildings greener can rapidly support jobs and level-up across the country.

We are delighted to be joined by Lord Callanan who will set the context for the meeting's discussion, outlining the Government's plans to make homes greener by bringing stakeholders together, kickstarting the market, and setting out a clear path to improve the energy efficiency and replace fossil fuel heating.

Stakeholder Panel 13.25 – 13.50

Chair: Lynsey Sweeney, Managing Director, Communities that Work

Tracy Harrison, Chief Executive, Northern Housing Consortium

Tracy will discuss the work the Northern Housing Consortium has undertaken to understand both the scale of the challenge when it comes to upgrading the region's homes, but also the economic and environmental stimulus that could be achieved by doing so.

Christine Vaudrey, Group Director of Strategy and Communications, Torus

Alongside partners across the Liverpool City Region, Torus, the North West's largest provider of affordable homes, is at the forefront of an ambitious new initiative to retrofit 10,000 homes over the next ten years with specific aims to develop the modular, digitised, and manufacturing sectors in the region.

Billy Clifflen, Head of Environmental Sustainability, Octavia

Octavia is a social housing provider operating in some of the most expensive areas of the capital. Having completed a pilot retrofit scheme of over 200 Victorian properties to EPC C standard, Billy will provide insight into the success of that programme, touching on planning constraints, managing the supply chain and the importance of ongoing resident engagement.

Phil Mason, Head of Regulatory Engagement, Trust Mark

Consumer confidence will be pivotal to the scaling up of domestic retrofit measures irrespective of tenure. Here, Phil will discuss Trust Mark's work to ensure the retrofit market is underpinned by confidence and choice, and how partners can work together to increase the uptake of energy efficiency measures in the retrofit market.

Ministerial Response 13.50 – 14.00

Lord Callanan, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Business, Energy and Corporate Responsibility)

Parliamentary Panel 14.00 – 14.25

Lord Stunell, House of Lords Built Environment Committee

Philip Dunne MP, Chair; House of Commons Environmental Audit Committee (invited)

Alex Sobel MP, Chair; APPG Net Zero (invited)

14.25

Chair's Close