

## Report of the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Climate Change

**EMCC Local Retrofit Strategy**1. Purpose of Report

To seek approval to endorse the EMCC Local Retrofit Strategy.

2. Recommendation

**Cabinet is asked to RESOLVE that EMCC Local Retrofit Strategy is endorsed.**

3. Detail

The East Midlands Combined Counties (EMCC) Local Retrofit Strategy, developed through the Local Area Retrofit Accelerator (LARA) pilot, aims to reduce fuel poverty, improve housing quality, and support environmental sustainability.

Retrofit refers to the process of upgrading existing buildings to improve their energy efficiency, comfort, and performance. This typically includes measures such as insulation, improved ventilation, low-carbon heating, and renewable energy generation systems (solar panels).

Between February and July 2025, over 58 organisations including the Council, contributed to the design process of the strategy. This collaboration produced a shared vision, agreed principles, and a coordinated set of goals and actions to drive retrofit activity across the EMCC area.

The strategy outlines how the region can improve the energy efficiency of heating and cooling in homes, while also supporting health outcomes, economic growth, and the creation of skilled employment. It promotes a balanced approach to economic, social, and environmental priorities.

The University of Nottingham's consultancy-led retrofit project will work in parallel with this strategy. The Council is currently awaiting the second draft of this document, and a separate Cabinet report will be presented upon its receipt.

A copy of the draft EMCC Local Retrofit Strategy is provided in **Appendix 1**. This version is not final and is currently being redrafted by the EMCC team. While the strategy plays a key role in addressing climate change and reducing carbon emissions, it also delivers broader benefits, including improved public health, enhanced housing quality, and local economic development.

In Broxtowe Borough, heating and lighting account for approximately 33% of total emissions. Given the Government's challenging net zero target by 2050, accelerated action is required, particularly in relation to residential properties. The Council has a key role to play in enabling and supporting households to deliver this transition and the EMCC Local Retrofit Strategy provides an initial framework to guide and support that delivery.

4. Key Decision

This report is not a key decision as defined under Regulation 8 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2010.

5. Updates from Scrutiny

Not applicable.

6. Financial Implications

The comments from the Assistant Director Finance Services were as follows:

There are no additional financial implications to consider at this stage. Any significant budget implications in the future, over and above virement limits, would require approval by Cabinet.

7. Legal Implications

The comments from the Head of Legal Services were as follows:

Whilst there are no direct legal implications arising from this report and at this stage of the project, there will be a requirement for Legal Services to be involved in relation to procurement, governance advice and advice in relation to any funding agreement and the Memorandum of Understanding. The above advice will be provided as the project evolves.

8. Human Resources Implications

Not applicable.

9. Union Comments

Not applicable.

10. Climate Change Implications

The climate change implications are contained within the report.

11. Data Protection Compliance Implications

This report does not contain any OFFICIAL(SENSITIVE) information and there are no Data Protection issues in relation to this report.

12. Equality Impact Assessment

Not applicable.

13. Background Papers

Nil.