

# WS2: Retrofit of the residential and non-residential building stock

## Key areas of progress in 2023

Lobbied central and regional Government for appropriate policies and funding schemes to support retrofit through the South London Partnership (SLP) and London Councils Retrofit London work programme.

Worked with our local energy advice partner, Thinking Works, to support fuel poor households in accessing national and regional funding to retrofit their homes.

Ran a Housing Association Retrofit and Skills Event in February 2023 to share lessons learnt and discuss challenges and opportunities for collaboration in decarbonising the social housing stock in Merton.



Supported Housing Associations in bidding for national retrofit funding schemes (e.g. Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund).

Worked with the Buildings & Energy sub-group of Merton's Climate Action Group to promote energy efficiency and retrofit by developing case studies.

Continued to deliver the Energy Matters project in Merton schools in partnership with Merton's Climate Action Group and the Centre for Sustainable Energy.

Recruited a new officer to lead on the enforcement of Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards (MEES) in Merton's Private Rental Sector.

Commissioned a delivery partner for Merton's new Home Energy Efficiency Loan scheme.



## Key priorities for 2024

Launch Merton's Home Energy Efficiency Loan scheme in spring 2024 to support homeowners looking to upgrade their homes.

Develop and publish retrofit guidance for homeowners in Merton.

Consider options to support local businesses in retrofitting their premises.

Investigate how the Council can support residents in accessing regional and national retrofit funding such as Energy Company Obligation (ECO) funding and the Great British Insulation Scheme.

Work with partners to investigate how local authorities can help overcome the barriers to retrofit in private housing.

Organise a local retrofit skills summit to showcase the technologies, training, and job opportunities within the growing sector of retrofit.

