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# DOMESTIC RETROFIT SURVEY OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Survey open from 8 March – 10 May 2021



# 1 SUMMARY OF RESPONSES

## 1.1 Introduction

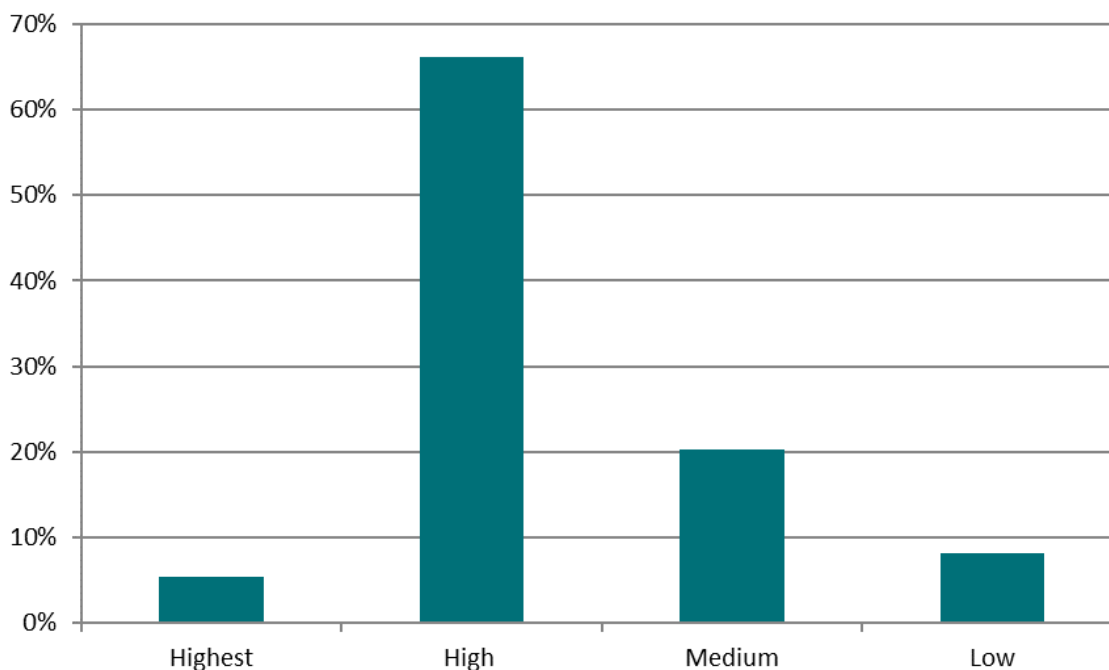
The survey was created by Local Partnerships, in collaboration with the five energy hubs. It was hosted on Survey Monkey and open for nine weeks. The survey was communicated via Local Partnerships' e-newsletters and the LGA's climate e-bulletin, as well as through the five energy hubs. It was also promoted on LinkedIn and Twitter. All local authorities in England and Wales were encouraged to respond.

Responses were collected from 75 local authorities in total, including County, District, Borough and Town Councils. Responses to the survey have been anonymised.

## 1.2 Questions

I Within your climate change strategy how high a priority is domestic retrofit for your council?

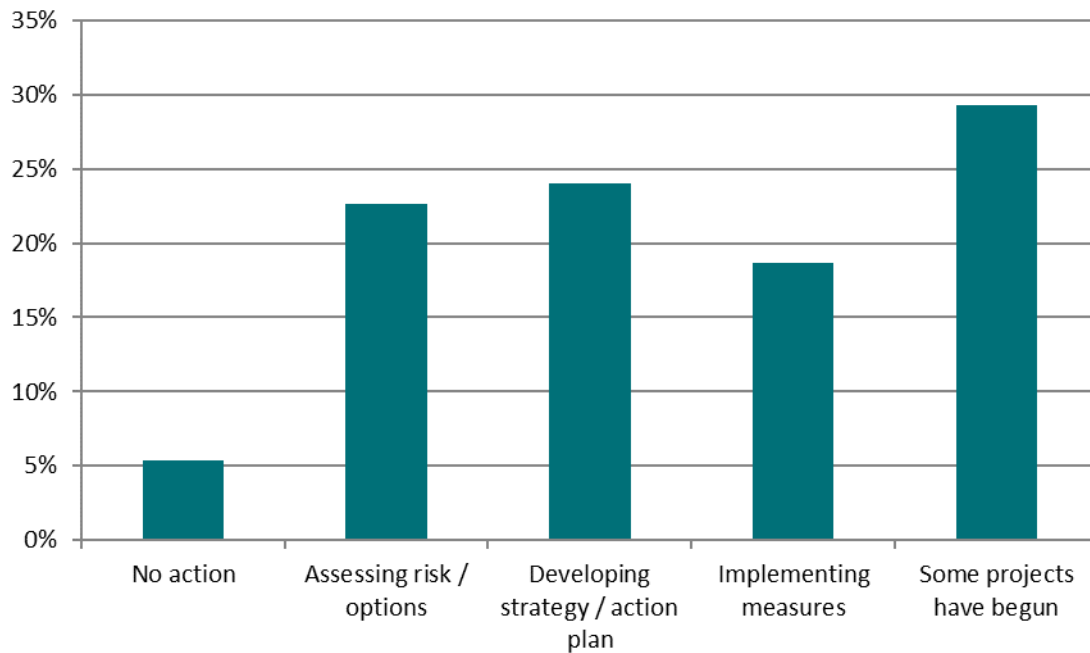
Answer Choices	Responses	
Highest: It is the top priority	4	5%
<b>High: It is one of many priorities</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>66%</b>
Medium: There are other projects that take priority	15	20%
Low: It is not included within the strategy / there isn't a strategy	6	8%
<b>Answered</b>	<b>74</b>	





## II What is your current level of readiness for domestic retrofit projects?

Answer Choices	Responses	
No action	4	5%
Assessing risk / options	17	23%
Developing strategy / action plan	18	24%
Implementing measures	14	19%
<b>Some projects have begun</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>29%</b>
<b>Answered</b>	<b>75</b>	



## III How would you score your Council's readiness to drive domestic retrofit projects? Where 0 is not at all ready and 5 is adequately resourced and able to respond to opportunities now.

Responses	0 😞	1 😐	2 😊	3 😄	4 😁	5 😊
#	7	23	12	18	11	3
%	9%	31%	16%	24%	15%	4%

Weighted average = 3.16

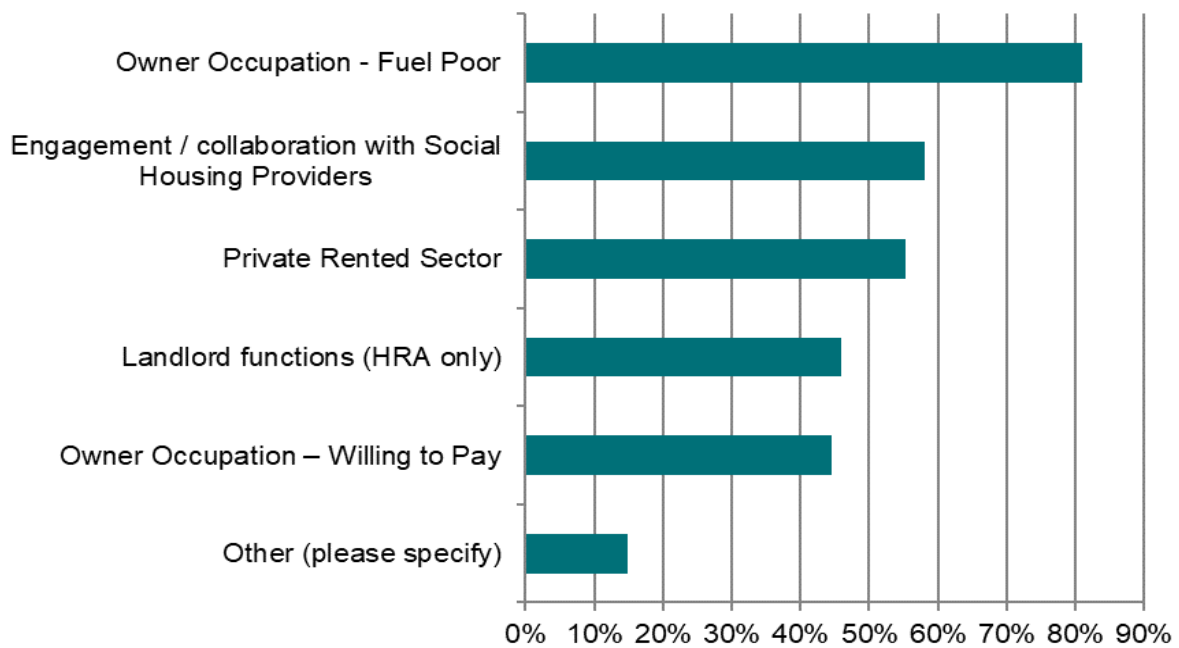
## IV Does your Council (or wider grouping of Councils) have a cross tenure Housing Retrofit Strategy?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	10	13%
<b>No</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>64%</b>
Don't know	17	23%
<b>Answered</b>	<b>75</b>	



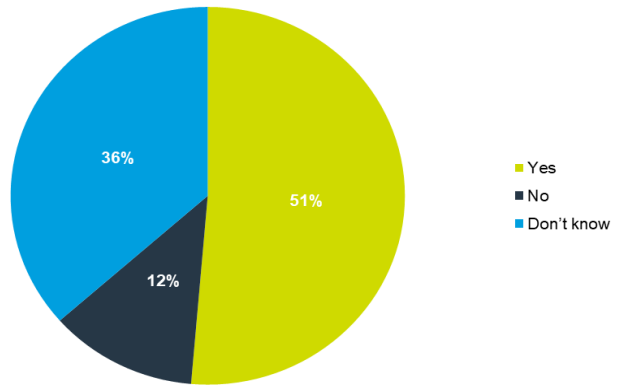
V Which areas of Domestic Retrofit has your Local Authority progressed / have plans to engage: (select all that apply)

Answer Choices	Responses	
<b>Owner Occupation - Fuel Poor</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>81%</b>
Engagement / collaboration with Social Housing Providers	43	58%
Private Rented Sector	41	55%
Landlord functions (HRA only)	34	46%
Owner Occupation – Willing to Pay	33	45%
Other (please specify)	11	15%
<b>Answered</b>	<b>74</b>	



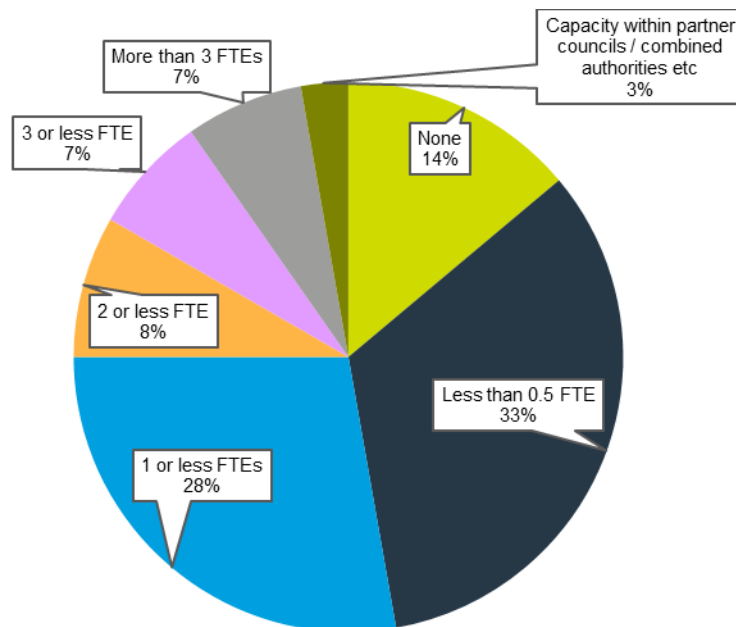
VI Are you able to access procurement frameworks that could deliver / promote retrofit works to private rented and owner occupied homes?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	38	51%
No	9	12%
Don't know	27	36%
<b>Answered</b>	<b>74</b>	



VII What Capacity does your Local Authority have to engage in domestic retrofit programmes?

Answer Choices	Responses	
None	10	14%
Less than 0.5 FTE	24	33%
1 or less FTEs	20	28%
2 or less FTE	6	8%
3 or less FTE	5	7%
More than 3 FTEs	5	7%
Capacity within partner councils / combined authorities etc	2	3%
<b>Answered</b>	<b>72</b>	



VIII What does your Local Authority need support with to deliver housing retrofit projects? (please tick all that apply)

Answer Choices	Responses	
<b>Funding and finance models</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>78%</b>
Skills development	50	68%
Developing a retrofit strategy	48	66%
Supporting the customer journey/ encouraging behavioural change / One stop Shop / customer segmentation /	46	63%
Supply Chain Engagement	45	62%
Identifying and managing risks in relation to retrofit	40	55%
Data: overview of energy efficiency of housing stock and identifying target properties / households	36	49%
Developing a business case for retrofit	34	47%
Accessing suitable frameworks	30	41%
Development of a Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS)	22	30%
Working with Social Housing providers	16	22%
Other (please specify)	11	15%
<b>Answered</b>	<b>73</b>	

IX What are the biggest challenges your Local Authority faces to deliver retrofit projects?

Answer Choices	Responses	
<b>Lack of resource</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>88%</b>
Lack of knowledge	30	41%
Other (please specify)	23	31%
Financial and/or reputational risks are too great for the Council	18	24%
Resistance / lack of buy-in from stakeholders	17	23%
Disruptions to homeowners	16	22%
Not a strategic / political property for the Council	10	14%
<b>Answered</b>	<b>74</b>	



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