

Warm and resilient buildings

Strand	Action	Action summary	Date	Status	Activity Summary
Retrofit	WRB1	Develop a fair retrofit strategy covering all building types and tenures	2023	Completed	A retrofit strategy has been developed, identifying key actions for the next five years. Actions within the strategy will be reviewed periodically.
Retrofit	WRB2	Develop an investment strategy for retrofit	2024	Work underway	Work has commenced on leveraging investment. This will look at finance, investment and business models. It will include assessing approaches that could work for projects in Calderdale.
Trusted Advice	WRB3	Equip green advice hubs with trusted, independent advice	2024	Work underway	West Yorkshire Combined Authority has launched a One Stop Shop. The initial focus will be on web and telephone solutions. Longer-term plans are being developed in relation to a physical presence.
Trusted Advice	WRB4	Improve costs for currently expensive retrofit solutions	2026	Work underway	Community-led retrofit and street demonstrators are in delivery, but further work is needed to overcome cost barriers at a national level.
Building Success	WRB5	Pilot visible and innovating home decarbonisation to find funding and skills solutions for retrofit	2023	On track	Innovative retrofit projects are being delivered by a number of organisations. This includes the street demonstrator scheme run by Calderdale Council, projects delivered by Together Housing and community partners. An additional large-scale pilot is being developed as part of the retrofit strategy.

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Building Success	WRB6	Support communities to develop retrofit solutions in their neighbourhoods	2026	Work underway	Delivered a research project funded by Innovate UK, looking at the non-technical barriers to retrofit. As part of this, a citizens' jury was held, providing key recommendations to support community retrofit solutions. Community energy projects have been funded, e.g. by the West Yorkshire Combined Authority's Better Neighbourhoods Fund via Community Foundation for Calderdale. Community-led retrofit also forms part of the retrofit strategy.
Low Carbon New Homes	WRB7	Influence standards for newly built homes and identify resources for inspections	2026	On track	The Government has updated the Future Homes Standard to include renewable heat and power through planning and building regulations. This creates a level playing field and minimum standards for new build schemes. Therefore, this is no longer a short-term priority.
Low Carbon New Homes	WRB8	Influence for new builds to be 10% carbon positive	2026	Work underway	The Council continues to influence and encourage developers and Registered Providers to adopt low-carbon measures. It is also preparing a Development Plan Document (DPD) on Energy Efficiency and Generation to sit alongside the adopted Local Plan. Once adopted, this has the potential for significant energy and carbon savings in new developments. Matters likely to influence the final form of the DPD include viability and the Government's proposed Future Homes Standard. However, national interventions will still be needed to make this target feasible.

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Resilient Buildings	WRB9	Continue to deliver flood resilience grants and support	2026	On track	<p>Support is available for businesses from the West Yorkshire Combined Authority. We should explore how this support can be integrated into ongoing retrofit projects.</p> <p>Work also continues to strengthen flood defences. The Environment Agency has completed the first phase of flood risk reduction schemes in Mytholmroyd, Copley and Shaw Wood Road. There are ongoing plans and construction for further schemes. By 2027, it is predicted that these schemes will provide better protection for 1,390 properties.</p>

Status definitions:

Completed: Key requirements have been met.

On Track: Key requirements are on target to be met by the target date.

Work Underway: Work has started on this action. It is unclear whether it will be fully achieved by the target date.

Significant Barriers: Barriers will prevent this action from being completed without urgent attention.

Not Started: There has been no work completed on this action to date.