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What will it take to get to net zero?

Identifying appropriate technical solutions.

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Scottish Government's 2045 Vision







Scotland's homes are net-zero carbon by 2045 and this is achieved in a way that is socially and economically sustainable, through a Just Transition:

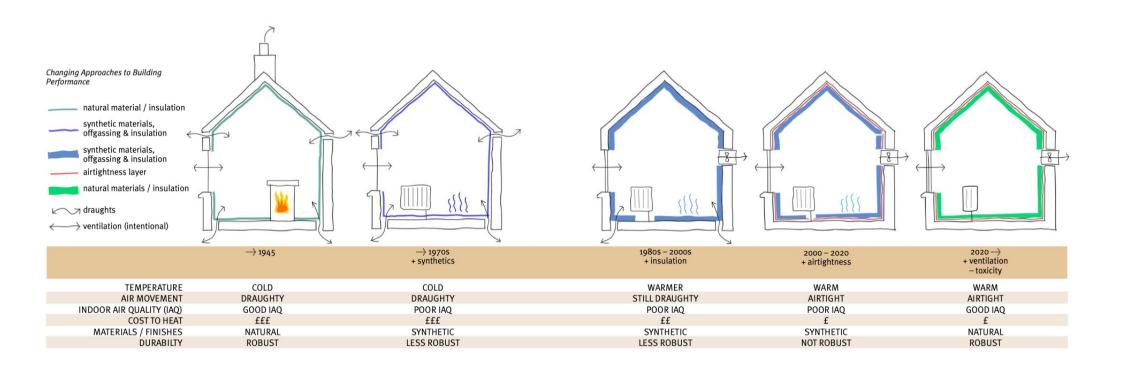
- by 2032 94% of non-domestic buildings' and 80% of domestic buildings' heat will be supplied using low carbon heat technologies;
- all homes to achieve EPC Band C at point of sale from 2025 (subject to consultation);
- EPC Band C for all homes by 2033;
- removal of public subsidy for new or replacement fossil fuel boilers, immediately – phasing out by 2025 (off gas) 2030 (on gas);
- all new homes use zero emissions heating by 2024;
- all homes achieve net zero by 2045



Retrofit with ground source heat pump by John Gilbert Architects Lumphinnans, Fife.

What will it take to reach net zero?





107 Niddrie Road Glasgow

1. Top up insulation up to 450mm thick

2. Lower area of slates removed to check for timber decay and ensure insulation wraps over wall head to meet EWI

3. Two smaller windows knocked into one larger window for more light and heat gain into living areas

4. New high performance triple glazed windows and doors

External wall insulation to rear and gable walls, extended below floors, into window reveals, all downpipes replaced

6. Mechanical ventilation with heat recovery unit in bathroom ceiling removes almost all outgoing heat keeping flats warm with lots of fresh air

7. Wastewater heat recovery from baths and showers

Southside HOUSING ASSOCIATION Tenement EnerPHit Passivhaus Retrofit

8. Internal wall insulation to front elevation, walls stripped back to stone, wood fibre insulation and lime plaster added

9. Street side stone wall repaired with stone repair and repointed using lime

10. First floor joists removed from wall to avoid decay, allowing for continuous insulation and airtightness

11. Layout altered for better space planning

12. Ground floor insulatedalong with careful
airtightness measures













BRE Retrofit House





Project aim – to demonstrate 'market ready upgrade packages'

The project uses a common Scottish Housing typology, a generic '4 in a block' which is found all over Scotland in different contexts as the test bed.

Four approaches were demonstrated, based on market ready and tested technologies.

An APP was also developed to allow users to adapt the approach to suit their budget and to understand the associated risks and opportunities.

The project offers first hand experience of different technologies within the practical and commercial reality of available funding model parameters.

This is crucial for successful dissemination of the project findings into practice.









	'Four in a Block' Baseline Model	
Ground Floor	Un-insulated Suspended Timber Floor	
External Wall	Un-insulated Cavity Wall Construction with existing render coat & internal lining	
Windows & Doors	Replacement UPVC	
Separating Floor	22mm flooring on solid joists, un-insulated between joists	
Separating Wall	Un-insulated Cavity Wall Construction with existing parge coats	
Roof	Cold roof with 100mm insulation	
Space Heating	Storage / Panel Radiators.	
Hot Water	70 Litre Single Immersion Cylinder	
Ventilation	Individual Intermittent Fans / Sealed Hearth Chimney	
Airtightness	15q50 (backstop assumed)	









F2	Upper Cottage Flat RHS		
Scenario	Decant / Void		
Target	SAP 83 / Silver (2015 Pass) / EPC Band B		
Approach	Internal Fabric Improvements / No Gas Scenario		
Measures	Air Source Heat Pump with Radiators		
SILVER SOUTH SOUT	2kW Solar PV Array and Solar Thermal panels		
	Cavity Fill, Moisture Buffering Internal Insulation & Lining, Loft Insulation		
	6.04 q50 Air Tightness		
	MVHR System		
	Super Low Energy Windows & Door		
	Feed in Tariff Income		

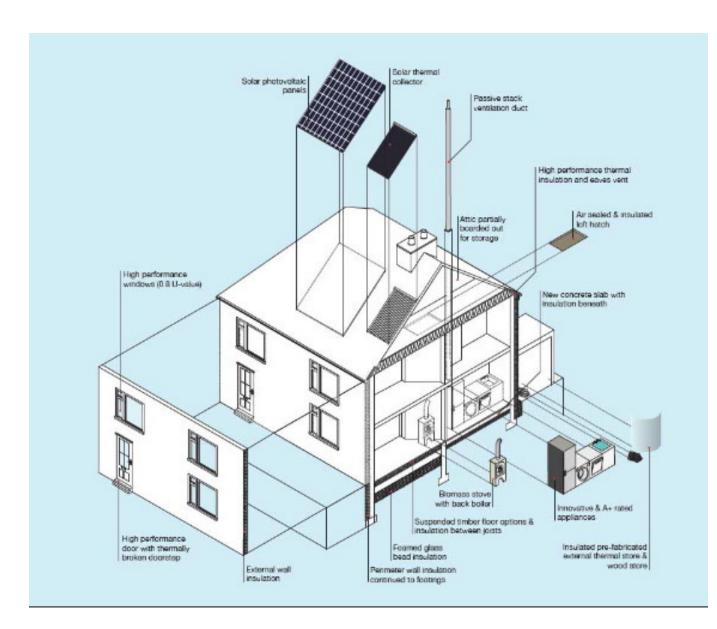












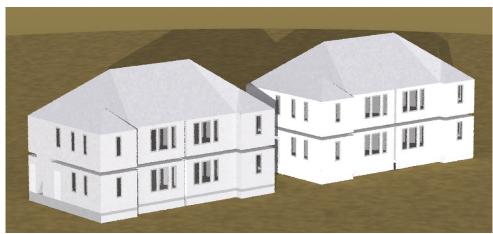
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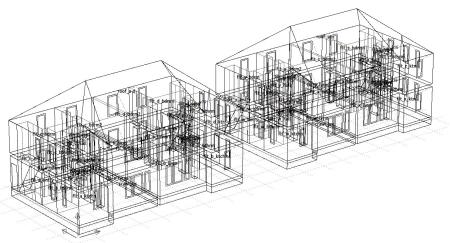
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Dynamic Simulation Modelling

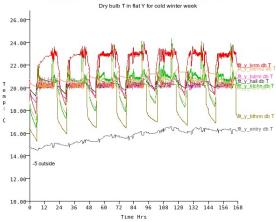




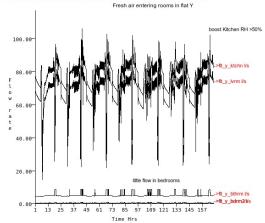




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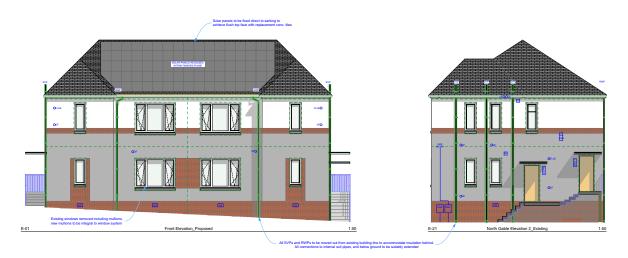


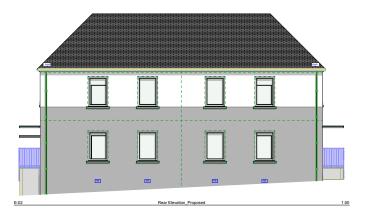
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Notes / Key:
EV = EXTRACT VENT OF = OVERFLOW AB = AIR BRICK
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SP = SOIL PIPE ENTRY SVP= SOIL VENT PIPE RWP=RAIN WATER PIPE
RENDER 01
RENDER 02
BRICK SLIPS
CONCRETE TILE
MINERAL WOOL FIRE BREAK
GENERAL NOTES:
Existing structural and services arrangements are indicative. Full detailed investigations to be completed and any decrepancy notified to the architect prior to works commencing.
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Existing chimneys to be removed, see architectural spec. for detailed information.
All insulation to be mineral wool (non- combustible) with sale exception of below ground level. See arch, details for further information. To achieve u-values as noted
in spec.
Existing roof finishes to be stripped back to sarking, and any roten sarking to be replaced in suitable treated SWI to match existing. New breather membrane and suitable treated SWI batters installed to
existing. New breather membrane and suitable treated SW batters installed to accommodate new conc. sites and PV panels. Dimensioned to engineers assessment.
Existing damaged or boss render to be stripped and patch repaired to match adjacent.
Mineral wool fire breaks to be included as indicated to comply with Euroclass A1 rating under BS EN 13501-1, including at wall head.
rating under RS EN 13501-1, including at wall head. New finishes and colours TRC by architect
Any required movement joints to be set out by architect.
All doors and windows to be removed invisition constitutional multiples. See
All doors and windows to be removed including non-structural multions. See engineers' information for description and methods. New doors and windows to architects' specification and details.
New canopies to be fitted above external door heads to architects' spec and detail.
Sciencial stair to have ballustrade wall safely removed above step level and existing finishes stripped and repaired as required, or instrukted to match existing, and prepared for attaching new weather finished match handral to external face, including stainless weather-proof fisings and details.
existing finishes stripped and repaired as required, refinished to match existing, and prepared for attaching new weather
Services for re-use to be safely disconnected and carefully removed for refitting to new external surface following completion of external works.
All existing extract verts to be removed. New extract verts to be installed, where noted on proposed elevations, to architects' spec.
Contents open. Content services, including serials and wiring, to be removed and penetrations blocked up to achieve same u-value and airightness as adjacent fabric.
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Soler flues to be extended to accommodate EWI thickness.
Any proposed services penetrating roof finishes to have suitable weather sealed terminal to ensure against water ingress.
Airflow, vertilation units, trickle vents, and air transfer areas to comply with relevant Building Standards.
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