

MEARS®



Delivering solutions to the carbon challenge in Aberdeenshire

As a provider of housing management and maintenance services, Mears is a source of positive influence in our sector with landlords, tenants and supply chain partners.

The UK has set ambitious targets around carbon reduction and housing is at the forefront of this. Social Housing stock specifically has to achieve a stepped change in its energy efficiency by 2030.



The implications for local authorities and housing associations, sees a requirement to retrofit existing social housing stock to ensure it meets new carbon reduction standards.

Most local authorities and housing associations see this as an important long-term challenge and are in the early stages of this journey.

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In Aberdeenshire we are delivering for the Housing Improvement Programme (HIP) which is part of the Council's 30-year business plan for improving council houses and flats. MPS are fast approaching the close of Year 2 activities. Year 3 activity sees a strategic shift in focus and a doubling of the in-year revenues to circa £14m with over 75% of the work now focussed on energy saving measures. This theme will continue into Year 4 and beyond into the follow-on HIP 2 project.



The change in strategy is to deliver on Scotland's ambitious EESSH standards and will see us install Photovoltaic systems (PV systems) on around 900 roofs, along with External Wall Insulation, energy efficient electric heating systems and high specification window and door replacements.

From Year 4 the Council intends to move away from Gas Heating installations and renewals in favour of more sustainable alternatives.

Mears will integrate our expertise with our ongoing maintenance activities across all contracts to ensure changes are made efficiently and will provide advice and guidance to tenants to help ensure the most benefits can be gained. In 2021 our focus will be on developing our offer to help accessing funding, to design and implementation.

We stand ready to support our local partners to deliver on their ambitious plans and bring them to fruition.



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