



BUILT ENVIRONMENT JUST TRANSITIONS ACCELERATOR

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*POLICY WORKING GROUP
ONLINE SESSION*
2 DECEMBER 2025

TAKEAWAYS

Advancing, Shaping, and Strengthening the Just Transition Together

INTRODUCTION:

Purpose

The session was designed as an interactive and collaborative space to reconnect with the PWG's core objective: collectively influencing current and emerging government policies and strategies to protect the right to adequate housing.

The workshop focused on exploring the evolving policy landscape, identifying high-impact opportunities for influence, and agreeing on practical next steps that each organisation can take to strengthen our collective voice.

STAKEHOLDER ATTENDEES

BUSINESSES

- Balfour Beatty
- Lloyds Living
- Morgan Sindall

POLICYMAKERS

- DLME

CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS

- Re-Generate
- UKGBC

KEY TAKEAWAYS & OUTCOMES

A. Autumn Budget Takeaways (Shared by Kirsty Girvan, UKGBC)

- Treasury-funded reduction of 75% of the Renewables Obligation Levy is a positive driver of electrification.
- The ECO cut is a significant setback – likely costing ~10,000 jobs and blocking insulation upgrades for ~1 million households.
- The £15bn Warm Homes Plan is welcome but does not replace ECO; clarity is urgently needed.
- The Warm Home Discount expansion provides modest support.
- Commitments to social and affordable housing (£39bn + £7bn strategic fund) are positive, with upcoming consultations on rent convergence and VAT set to influence delivery.
- Skills investment (£1.5bn + SME apprenticeships) will be critical for retrofit and construction capacity.
- Devolution funds create opportunities for place-based solutions and workforce pathways.

B. Policy Timeline Observations

- Renters' Rights Act and Decent Homes Standard present significant opportunities to embed adequacy and safety.
- Delays to the Warm Homes Plan detail, Future Homes Standard, and MEES reforms continue to create uncertainty for industry and supply chains.
- Clear long-term signals are needed to unlock investment, skills development, and job creation.

KEY TAKEAWAYS & OUTCOMES

C. Reflections & Insights from Stakeholders

- Sharing our planned influencing opportunities and identifying where we can work together is more productive than duplicating work.
- APPGs are most useful for visibility but often poorly attended by MPs.
- MP engagement works best when tied to constituency relevance and practical solutions.
- Coalitions and industry groups have strong value where unified, evidence-backed asks are present.
- Ministers respond better to solution-led approaches than problem statements.
- Business-led case studies help bridge the gap between policy and practice.

OPPORTUNITIES IDENTIFIED

- High-alignment areas: Healthy Homes APPG, Just Transition APPG, and Decent Homes Standard.
- Devolution's Neighbourhood Boards present channels for community-led housing and retrofit.
- Multi-signatory letters deliver strong legitimacy.
- Targeting MPs through data on fuel poverty, housing quality, and constituency need is promising.
- Better coordination across organisations will amplify influence.

NEXT STEPS - STRATEGIC & PRACTICAL

A. Strengthen Policy Influence

1. Prioritise solution-led engagement

- Frame recommendations as tested, practical solutions with industry backing.
- Build a bank of case studies on retrofit, skills, construction quality, and adequate housing delivery.
- Action: Share with the PWG your upcoming influencing plans and targets.

2. Coordinate through coalitions

- Share intelligence on civil servant/minister meetings.
- Align talking points through UKGBC, Green Homes Group, and sector alliances.
- Reduce duplication by assigning “lead organisations” for priority policies.

3. Engage strategically with Ministers and MPs – [this link](#) provides access to Policy mapping undertaken in November 2024

- Use constituency evidence on fuel poverty, housing conditions, and cost savings.
- Target Ministers and MPs with aligned interest or voting behaviour.

4. Use APPGs selectively

- Deploy them primarily to spotlight new research, proposals, or coalition-backed asks.

B. Influence Key Emerging Policies

5. Warm Homes Plan

- Push for clarity on funding, standards, workforce pathways, and consumer protections.
- Coordinate consistent messages on urgency and long-term certainty.

6. Decent Homes Standard (Consultation [submission September 2025](#))

- Advocate for robust minimum standards on mould, overheating, and energy efficiency.
- Highlight health and economic benefits.

7. Future Homes Standard

- Push for alignment across zero-carbon new build, procurement, and ethical recruitment.

8. MEES Reform

- Support uplift in minimum standards alongside protections for low-income tenants and small landlords.

C. Build Influence Through Local & Devolved Channels

9. Neighbourhood Boards (e.g., PiPP)

- Map high-potential boards and offer evidence-based proposals on retrofit and housing adequacy.

10. Use Devolution Funds

- Partner with combined authorities on place-based retrofit and skills pipelines.
- Leverage local authority interest in sustainable workforce and housing resilience.

D. Present a Unified Voice to Government

11. Develop joint letters, statements, and briefings

- Time these around consultations, fiscal events, and bill stages.

12. Create a shared repository

- A central toolkit tracking MP stances, policy timelines, officials, evidence, and case studies.

13. Model the “impact economy” advocacy approach

- Multi-year, multi-channel influence with cross-sector alliances and practical solutions.

Complete the Survey

Stakeholders are invited to complete an online [survey](#) to help the PWG coordinate influencing activity for 2026, avoid duplication, and mobilise joint action on priority housing policies to advance adequate housing rights and meaningful participation by communities.

VISUAL TAKEAWAYS

Click to explore the visual asset from the working group session

Online Sessions Exercise

Exercise 2 - Explore Impactful Approaches - Part 1

- Exercise 1 - Emerging Policy Landscape Overview**

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Stakeholder Workshop - Online

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UKGBC Policy Map

POLICY MOMENTS 2025-26

EPC reform consultation
PRS MEES Consultation
EPC re-consultation
PRS 1 Consultation
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POLICY MOMENTS 2025-26

Land-use Framework
Future Homes Standard

AUTUMN BUDGET 2025

ENERGY BILL REDUCTION

- Reduction of the Renewables Obligation (RO) levy for the next three years.
- Cuts to the Government's national insulation scheme.
- Expansion of the Warm Homes Discount.

SKILLS AND EMPLOYMENT

- More than £1.5bn investment into skills and employment programmes.
- A growth and skills levy to support apprenticeships for young people.
- Fully funded apprenticeships for SMEs hiring under-25s.

SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- Commitment to £39bn for social and affordable homes delivery.
- Mayoral Strategic Authorities can bid for additional funding through the Affordable Homes Programme.

DEVOLUTION AND NEW BUILD

- Devolution of the new National Housing Delivery Fund to Mayoral Strategic Authorities.
- Revaluation of public assets with intention of improving and regenerating.

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FUTURE CONVENINGS

The next PWG session will take place in Q1 2026.

STAKEHOLDER ATTENDEES

Apologies for non-attendance

BUSINESSES

- BAM
- GPE
- Lloyds Banking Group

CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATION

- Action Sustainability/Supply Chain Sustainability School
- Association of Labour Providers (ALP)
- National Energy Action (NEA)
- 89up



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