

Equans Secures Stevenage Decarbonisation Retrofit Contract

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[Equans](#) has landed a new contract with Stevenage Borough Council to retrofit hundreds of council properties, using funding from the Warm Homes Social Housing Fund (WH:SHF).

379 homes from across the borough are set to benefit from significant low carbon upgrades, making them warmer and more affordable to heat; after Stevenage Borough Council received more than £3 million towards the project, from Wave 3 of the WH:SHF.

Equans secured the work through competitive tender, via Fusion 21's Whole House Decarbonisation Framework.

Equans recently started executing retrofit assessments of the properties to determine the full scale of measures required, which will likely include high performance windows and doors, cavity wall insulation, external wall insulation, solar PV, loft insulation, ventilation upgrades, and Air source Heat Pumps.

Matt Sutton, Regional Director, Equans UK & Ireland, said: "It's great to be working with Stevenage Borough Council on such a life-changing project. We are one of the UK's leading contractor's for work under the Warm Homes umbrella and we have seen first-hand how retrofitting properties can improve quality of life.

"Stevenage has boldly pledged to ensure all council-owned properties are EPC C and above by 2035, and we are happy to be supporting in these efforts and bringing our award-winning retrofit expertise to the table, for the council and their customers."

Councillor Jackie Hollywell, Cabinet Member for Housing said: "We are excited to be working with Equans

to deliver this ambitious retrofit programme, which will see hundreds of council homes benefit from upgrades that reduce energy bills, improve comfort and support our climate ambitions. This funding enables us to make real, lasting improvements for residents across the town, helping to tackle fuel poverty, while moving us closer to our commitment for all council homes to achieve an EPC rating of C or above by 2035. We have every confidence in Equans' ability to help us deliver this important work."

The retrofit assessments will conclude in the coming weeks, ahead of the measures being implemented; which is expected to take three years to complete.