

North East landlord leading the way to Net Zero

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"believe housing continues to demonstrate its commitment to make a significant difference to its homes – making them more energy efficient and helping to cut fuel bills for their residents and making the homes feel warmer."

Rebecca Griggs, Head of Procurement Prosper

We listen. We understand. We deliver.

One of the largest landlords in the North East is continuing to invest in their homes, making them warmer, greener and cheaper to run with support from the government's Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund (SHDF).

believe housing and delivery partner RE:GEN Group are making improvements to more than 2,000 homes in a £13.7m scheme which was enabled by procurement consultancy, Prosper. The housing association is committed to upgrading the energy efficiency of its homes and the current programme of works is its second scheme to be part-funded by the SHDF. The initial scheme was hugely successful and resulted in more than 1,100 homes being upgraded.

This was one of the highest number of properties retrofitted under SHDF Wave 1 nationally, adopting a collaborative learning approach to social housing retrofit delivered to PAS 2035 Standards.

Now, with funding from SHDF Wave 2, believe housing is working on transforming a further 2,000 homes from poor EPC D and E ratings to achieve EPC C Standard.

The properties will benefit from a programme of energy efficiency measures including loft and cavity wall insulation, ventilation, heating controls and low-energy lighting. Some will also benefit from extensive measures such as external wall insulation, floor insulation, and solar panels to generate clean electricity.

The organisation approached Prosper, a procurement consultancy which specialises in the delivery of bespoke end-to-end procurement solutions, to formulate a direct award with RE:GEN Group through Prosper's multi-supplier, multi-Lot Planned and Responsive Repairs and Maintenance Contractor Framework (now the Decarbonisation & Investment Works Framework).

The Framework has been established for clients who are seeking to cover planned maintenance work to properties as part of their annual programme of works and/or for responsive repair requirements.

believe housing, said:

“Through this £13.7m scheme, we're making homes warmer and healthier for customers, saving them money on their energy bills, reducing our properties' carbon footprint, and supporting the green economy and jobs.

“It comes hot on the heels of our hugely successful scheme to upgrade more than 1,100 homes, which was part-funded from the first wave of the SHDF. Working with RE:GEN Group, we did what we set out to do and delivered light-touch measures at scale, with the bonus of using 100 per cent local labour.

“Customers tell us the work caused little disruption and they can feel the benefits in their home and on their energy bills. Retrofitting homes will have a significant role in helping the UK reach net zero by 2050 and we're pleased to continue playing our part.

“Prosper has supported believe housing on a number of procurement frameworks. Ruth continued: “We really value the role Prosper plays in ensuring we can deliver what we need to, with the right partners. The Prosper team is a true extension of our own and we look forward to the continued relationship with them on Wave 3 and more.”

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