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Arbed – the role of social housing

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Arbed 1 Programme

- £30m+ programme of low carbon retrofit measures to homes across Wales
- Mixed tenure approach
- Whole street/community approach – located in most (social/economic) disadvantaged areas of Wales
- Whole house approach – based upon energy hierarchy



Arbed 1 Programme

- Delivered by social housing sector
- 28 schemes
- 6000+ households
- 8000+ measures
- Majority external wall insulation
- Plus air-source heat pumps, solar pv, solar thermal...



Arbed 1 Programme



- Energy microgeneration, energy savings and cost savings
- Plus local jobs/training through application of TR&T/Can Do Toolkit
- Additional multipliers secured other local investment by supply chain
- Levered £25m in rescheduled/new investment from RSLs & contributions from utility levy schemes (CERT, CESP)

Arbed 1 Programme – How it came about

- Co-production + Leadership from social housing sector
- CHC pursuit of regeneration and low carbon projects from ERDF
- Recognition of the role of the RSL sector in delivering energy efficiency and regeneration
- Demonstration – the sector successfully delivered on a strategic capital investment fund





- Partnership approach by WAG, RSLs, WLGA to develop and monitor programme
- Triple bottom-line outcomes 'designed-in' from outset
- RSL sector as trusted and experienced vehicle for delivery of multiple outcomes – technical, community and procurement skills
- Reinforced understanding that communication, engagement, participation skills are fundamental to success

Arbed 2 Programme – Reflections

- ERDF €42.5m plus match funding
- Complexity of securing 'triple bottom line' criteria
- Procurement rules may preclude preferred partners
- Capacity and capability of local supply chain
- Complexity of technical journey
- Fuel poverty benefits vs customer behaviour



Arbed 2 Programme – Reflections

- Increasing recognition across EU that social housing sector can deliver regeneration and climate change agendas
- In Wales, social housing is high on the political agenda and continues to innovate and act as catalyst for change – eg Loan Guarantee Fund
- Low carbon retrofit programmes could be scaled to a massive level
- New financial instruments needed to mobilise sufficient resources