

Delivering positive low carbon living

Assessing whole buildings to achieve Net Zero – lessons from international examples

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Research context – policy





Net zero carbon emissions by 2045

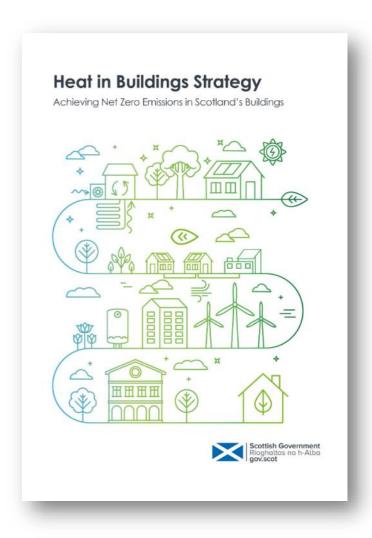


68% reduction in emissions from buildings by 2030



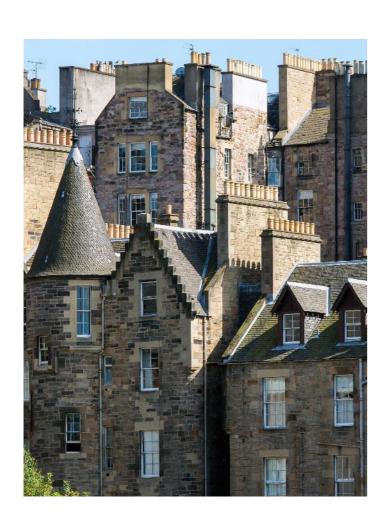
2.5 million occupied dwellings

→ Need for large-scale retrofit



Research context – building stock





- 37% of dwellings in flatted buildings
- Multi-owner and mixed use building (MOMU)
- Multi-unit residential building (MURB)
- Multi-family building
- Existing heat infrastructure



Lesson 1: Scotland's unique challenges





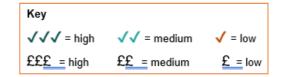
Lesson 1: Scotland's unique challenges



	Canada	Denmark		Flanders, Belgium	France		Germany	Sweden	International	UK
Energy model or tool	HOT2000	Be18	Be18	Software for EPC Common Parts	3CL	TH-C-ex	DIN V 18599 in iSFP software	Unspecified	PHPP	SAP
Framework	EnerGuide	EPC	BetterHome	EPC Common Parts	EPC	GTD	ISFP	EPC	PAS2035	EPC
Primary use	Both	Compliance	Design	Design	Compliance	Design	Design	Compliance	Design	Compliance
Heat demand ¹	WB	WB	WB	WB	WB + IF	WB + IF	WB	WB	WB + IF	IF
Actual consumption	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Detail of assessment	///	///	///	//	///	///	///	//	///	✓
Consideration of building condition	√ √	///	V	///	V	///	///	V	///	✓
Visits	2	1	2+	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
Assessment cost ²	££	-	-	£	££	££	£££	£££	-	£
Recommendations	WB	WB	WB	WB	WB + IF	WB	WB	WB	WB	IF
Quality of recommendations	//	//	///	✓	✓	///	///	✓	///	✓
Building applicability ³	MO + MU	MO + MU	МО	МО	MO + MU	МО	МО	MO + MU	MO + MU	SF

¹ WB = Whole Building, IF = Individual Flat

³ MO = multi-owner residential building, MU = mixed-use buildings, SF = single-family buildings



² Assessment costs have been standardised for comparison purposes. They are based on price per owner and converted using xe currency converter (December 2022). Actual costs are provided in each summary.

Lesson 2: Building management norms matter





Communal management norms



Legal requirements



Successful retrofit projects



Lesson 3: Different assessment approaches can coexist



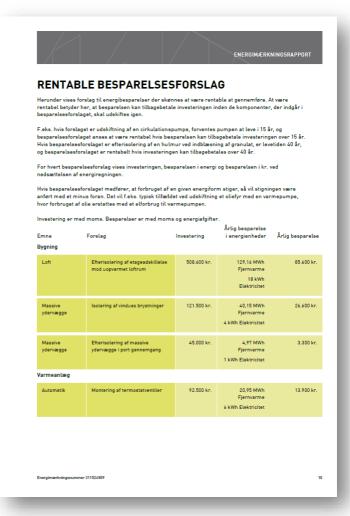
Compliance	Design		
EPC	Retrofit roadmap		
Simpler assessment	Extensive assessment		
High uptake	Lower uptake		
Generic recommendations	Building-specific recommendations		
Higher risk	Lower risk		
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Lesson 3: Different assessment approaches can coexist









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Lesson 4: Beyond energy modelling



Risk-aware

Scalable

A holistic approach to whole building assessments

Householder comfort

Interactions between measures

Building condition

Next steps



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