

# Decarb in Focus Forum – SHDF Wave 3

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Meeting notes

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# Fusion21 Decarb in Focus Meeting Notes

## Purpose

This group is a platform to discuss, with members and suppliers, decarbonisation projects, share experiences, and provide insights for future projects. It also:

- Brings together like-minded Procurement and Sustainability Leads for collaboration and discussion
- Gathers and shares key strategies, information and data
- Hosts experts and spotlight sessions
- Opens up collaboration opportunities and creates long-term partnerships.

This forum focused on planning for the next wave of **SHDF or LARS**. We heard from experts who have successfully bid for, won, and delivered SHDF-funded programs. They also shared their experiences and insights to help you prepare for the next round of SHDF funding.

## Fusion21 journey

Fusion21 and our supply partners have provided expert support to various members and our frameworks have or are delivering over £450m worth of Decarbonisation schemes for over 70 members. We have responded to the needs of our members producing a series of “offers” to allow them to retrofit their properties:

- Retrofit 2011-2015 - £30m
- Retrofit 2015-2019 - £50m
- Retrofit Materials - 2015-2019
- Energy Efficiency – 2020-2024 - £123m\*
- Heating and Renewables – 2020-2024 - £13m
- Consultants (Lot 11) – 2021-2025 - £7m
- Decarbonisation – 2022-2026 - £360m\*

The current offer includes the Consultants Framework with a specific lot covering all aspects of the zero carbon journey, from surveys, design, retrofit coordinators and more.

The Decarbonisation Framework allows members to procure suppliers to deliver a “whole house/building” approach including a full turn-key service of design and build linked to the requirements of PAS 2030/5. To date, 57 members have called-off from the framework with a total value of over £250m, with a further £150m in the pipeline. Fusion21 also has single-measure solutions such as insulation, heating, electric vehicle charging and more, through the Improvements Works and Heating and Renewables Frameworks.

## Top lessons learned from our recent forum

- 1) SHDF Wave 3 will consist of two funding routes; Strategic Partnership and Challenge Fund which contains a specific pot of money for organisations with less than 1000 homes and for works to be delivered over a 3 year programme
- 2) The time for action is now, there is a shortage of PAS2030 qualified suppliers and prior to SHDF wave 3 funding applications, applicants will need to confirm their procurement delivery partner
- 3) Data is key - don't rely on inaccurate property data
- 4) Conduct pre-bid surveys and assessments
- 5) Select your Retrofit Delivery Partner early - Speak to Fusion21 to find out who can help
- 6) Engage comprehensively with tenants
- 7) Have a backup property list
- 8) Think about partnerships and turn-key approaches, but also can employ separate consultants and contractors

## Next Decarb in Focus Forum

Our next Decarb in Focus forum will be taking place in September 2024 so keep an eye out for an email landing soon with all the details!

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