Retrofit Challenge De-carbonising social housing – a lever for system change 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022

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Deputy Chief Executive Deputy Chief Executive Lewes District Council & Eastbourne Borough Council 7 Councils in Sussex collectively spend: Capital programme 2018/19 £100m per year

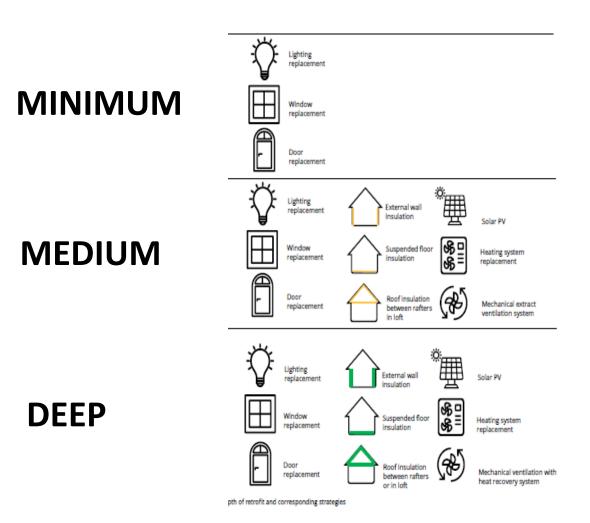
To 2030 we will spend circa **£ 1 billion** on repairing and maintaining our 40,000 homes

This is just Council owned housing – not including the additional 23,374 HA's

# The Experts



### Modelling & Building Assessments



## Trade off's

Clear trade off between cost to landlord and benefit to tenant/carbon reduction

Work being carried out to scenarios that balance the 3 key metrics

Costs can come down if procurement is coordinated

#### **Sustainability Initiatives - Solarbourne and Beyond**





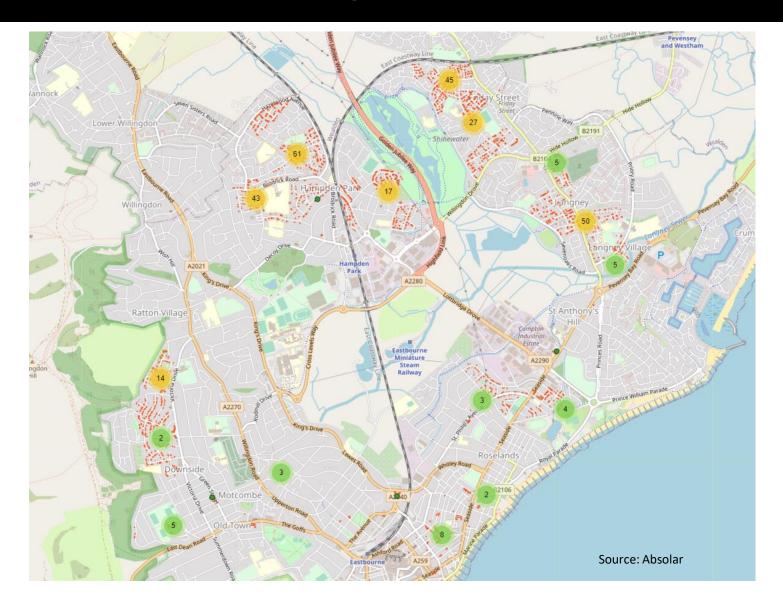
Eastbourne Borough Council initiative to install solar photovoltaic (SPV) panels on council-owned homes and buildings:

- 2012 pioneer council, rolled out Phase 1 of SPV
- 2015 rolled out Phase 2
- 2017 set up Clear Sustainable Futures
- 1.1MW of power generated

Lewes District Council completed similar SPV programme in 2016/17

Generating Feed In Tariffs income and tenant power – helping with the cost of living challenges

## Social Housing Additional Potential









#### **CLEAR FUTURES**

# Summary and next steps

Approach allows LA to *disrupt* a significant element of construction sector to drive faster adoption of climate change practices

Able to base funding bids on solid evidence

Control/certainty = ability to link to skills, incentivise development of new green tech and reduce fuel costs

\*1.6m council and 2.6m housing association homes in the UK