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Dear Mayor Claire Ward,

### Re: Endorsement for the East Midlands Combined County Local Retrofit Strategy

As Portfolio Holder for Public Protection from Gedling Borough Council, I am writing to endorse our support for the East Midlands Combined County (EMCC) Local Retrofit Strategy (LRS). I have reviewed the LRS and potential impact and I am impressed by its vision and missions.

The development of this Strategy has been strongly supported by all EMCC local authorities, local stakeholders, and the Local Energy Partnership.

The EMCC Local Retrofit Strategy sets out a coordinated approach and a place-based roadmap to accelerate home retrofit, reduce fuel poverty and increase environmental sustainability across the EMCC region.

Developed through the Local Area Retrofit Accelerator (LARA) Pilot, the Strategy brings together a broad coalition of local stakeholders, united by a shared commitment to delivering retrofit and unlocking wider local economic and social benefits through collective action.

This Strategy aligns with and supports our existing policies and commitments such as our Carbon Management Strategy and Action Plan and our commitment to achieve Net Zero carbon emissions.

We will benefit in particular from a partnership approach with key stakeholders from across the region and welcome goal 3 to “*accelerate the development of scalable*

*solutions and sustainable, long term financial resources for retrofit delivery for all". In addition, we are well-positioned to support the region by contributing to goal 1 to "increase awareness and confidence in all aspects of retrofit for all households"*

Gedling Borough Council, has already worked on the following key projects that support local retrofit including the Local Authority Delivery Phase 2 and Sustainable Warmth Competition along with the Devolution funding retrofit scheme and is able to bring learnings from these to support the LRS.

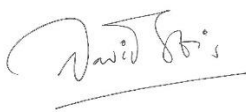
We believe the EMCC Local Retrofit Strategy, combined with the delivery partners' expertise of local retrofit, presents a unique opportunity to collaborate and develop relevant projects that will drive the growth of retrofit projects across Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire.

Gedling Borough Council intends to support overall delivery of the strategy by:

- Work collaboratively on projects launched to achieve the goals
- Share learning with partners
- Attending the in-person partnership workshops and events
- Publicly promote the achievements of the project
- Support future funding bids

We're excited about the opportunities this Strategy creates and look forward to working with together to turn ambitions into real, lasting impact for our communities

Yours sincerely,



**Councillor David Ellis**  
**Portfolio Holder for Public Protection**

