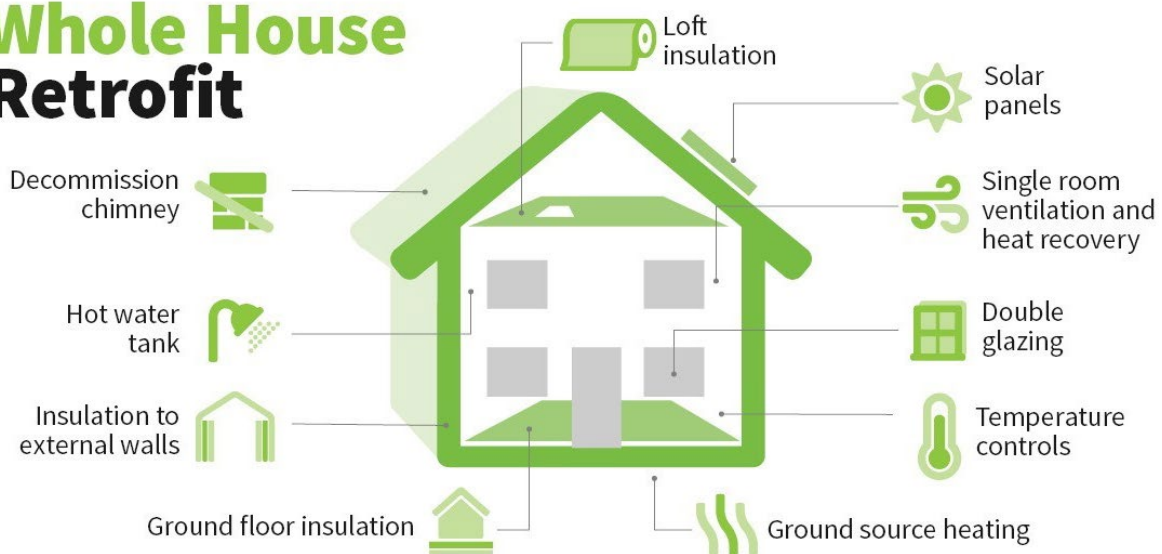


Cornwall Whole House Retrofit Project

In July 2020 the Government announced funding for Cornwall Council to start work on a pioneering programme to make residents' homes more energy efficient.

The Council is one of three local authorities across the country to secure funding. The funding comes from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy's Energy Innovation Programme for the Whole House Retrofit Innovation project.

Whole House Retrofit



The £4.2m pilot scheme is also receiving funding from the Council and its energy partner SSE. This will see improvements fitted to 83 homes managed by Cornwall Housing such as:

- decommission chimney
- hot water tank
- insulation to external walls
- ground floor insulation
- loft insulation
- solar panels
- single room ventilation and heat recovery
- double glazing
- temperature controls
- ground source heating
- heat pumps.

Work was due to start on the first 16 homes in autumn 2020. The work was delayed due to the Covid19 restrictions. Work has now begun on the first homes. All work will be carried out following social distancing safety requirements.

The work involves using innovative solutions that aim to significantly reduce the:

- properties' emissions
- heat loss
- and running costs for residents.

The Whole House Retrofit programme is a key part of the Council's response to the climate emergency. The carbon-reducing programme aims to be a cost-effective model to improve energy efficiency to Cornwall's existing homes. It will cut energy bills for residents and help to reduce fuel poverty.

The Council hopes the ground-breaking scheme will be the first step in wider plans to fit mass retrofit improvements across Cornwall's housing stock. The scheme will help Cornwall strive towards becoming carbon neutral by 2030.