

## Retrofit Budget Related Motion

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“This Assembly notes:

- there is cross-Assembly consensus to tackle the climate emergency and reach net zero, and that substantial retrofitting would cut emissions
- city-wide retrofitting would help fight the cost-of-living crisis
- wide-scale retrofitting would help reduce fuel poverty
- that training people with the appropriate skills needed to substantially retrofit buildings is essential and must be supported fully
- that training in retrofitting skills is currently insufficiently supported, as documented in reports such as London Councils’ report, Skills for the transition to net zero,<sup>1</sup> and Business LDN’s recent action plan,<sup>2</sup> which describes the skills gap as: “acutely felt in the retrofit home-services industry.”

This Assembly therefore calls on the Mayor, in his Final Draft Consolidated Budget for 2024-25, to prioritise addressing the gaps in training workers in the skills needed for the retrofitting industry.

This Assembly further asks the Mayor to explore all potential sources of income that can be put towards retrofit programmes, including calling on the Government to provide consistent, multi-year funding without restrictive conditions.”

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/our-key-themes/climate-change-0/skills-transition-net-zero-activity-across-london-government>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.businessldn.co.uk/sites/default/files/documents/2023-10/BLDN%20-%20Retrofitting%20Owner%20Occupied%20Homes%20in%20London\\_0.pdf](https://www.businessldn.co.uk/sites/default/files/documents/2023-10/BLDN%20-%20Retrofitting%20Owner%20Occupied%20Homes%20in%20London_0.pdf)