

## Homes Leadership Group Meeting

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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**Attendees:** Rob Worboys (Lovell), Paul Allman (MJ Evans), Andy Lilley (Recycling Lives), John Bowden and Rebecca Abbott (Keepmoat), Lizzie Eyre and James Norgate (Taylor Wimpey), Adrian Hill (Bellway), Richard Lankshear (Future Homes Hub), Gareth Rondel and Sophie Connolly (Barratt), Emily Landsborough (Ibstock), Olivia Dear (Wates), Lindsay Roberts (McCarthy & Stone), Sophie Coyle and Katherine Say (Action Sustainability)

**Please note these meeting notes are to be read in conjunction with the agenda and final slide deck as circulated to all.**

### Meeting notes

#### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Andy Lilley was introduced as a new representative on the Homes group for new School Partner, Recycling Lives.

Sophie and Rob noted the success of the recent conference "[Sustainable Homebuilding: The Role of Subcontractors](#)" with over 70 attendees. It was agreed that the group's activities should now build on this. Thanks to all who supported.

#### **2. Business planning 2025/26**

The purpose of this meeting was to create a business plan for 2025/26 which reflects the learning priorities of the Homes sector.

Sophie outlined the results of the 2024 Impact Survey from Partners and members which is used to inform business planning. Please refer to the slides for further information regarding data collected. Key themes:

- Sustainability was ranked as the highest priority for Partners. The top 5 sustainability challenges were: Carbon, Waste, People/Skills, Reporting, Procurement/Costs.
- For the Homes sector the top 3 risks were Carbon & Net Zero, Costs, Legislation/Government.

The group went into breakout rooms to discuss 4 questions. **Please see key outputs for each question discussed on the [Mural Board here](#).**

Main discussion points:

- In person events give a great opportunity for more engagement and interaction vs. virtual. However, members prefer virtual based on our data, so that needs to be considered.
- Groundworkers (and then other key sub-contractor trades) should continue to be a key focus in what's delivered via the Homes group. Focused on; collection and sharing of carbon data and then reduction of carbon emissions. A common client approach to this is important.
- How to engage with homebuilder commercial teams on sustainability, so it can be built into tender process for sub-contractors.

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- How to engage those working on site better in the School and learning to change behaviour related to carbon and waste.

### Initial proposed outputs for 2025/2026 include:

- Delivery of 2 webinars (topics TBC – suggestions from Partners required)
- Delivery of 1 in-person conference for groundworks sector (April)
- Development of new workshop “why sustainability is important in commercial setting”
- Development of 1 case study video showcasing best practice in the groundworks sector
- Delivery of 2 discussion roundtables for groundworks sector
- Explore [Carbon Calculator](#) and agree if a common approach can be agreed by group to ask for sub-contractors carbon data

### **ACTIONS:**

#### **Partners to:**

- Get in touch with [Sophie](#) if you have any questions, comments or would like to add anything further to the 2025/26 business plan (*by end December*)

#### **School to:**

- Share Impact Survey results once data has been collected (*March*)
- Demo the School's Carbon Calculator to the group as a potential solution to a common approach for data collection for groundworks (*10 February*)
- Share group suggestions with other relevant School groups e.g. Climate Action, Plant (*ASAP*)
- Look at what the School can do going forward to meet the suggestions made by the group and develop a business plan based on this. Sophie has shared a list of proposed actions (*Ongoing*)
- Sophie to circulate draft Business Plan to Homes Leadership Group members for feedback (*December*)

### **3. AOB**

- Rob Worboys raised that a venue has been offered for a follow up subcontractor conference by JCB. Group agreed this should be progressed in March/April.

### **ACTIONS:**

- Sophie and Rob to take forward conference for early next financial year (*ASAP*)