

How Renfrewshire Council are using IOT to improve indoor environmental conditions within their homes

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# Who we are







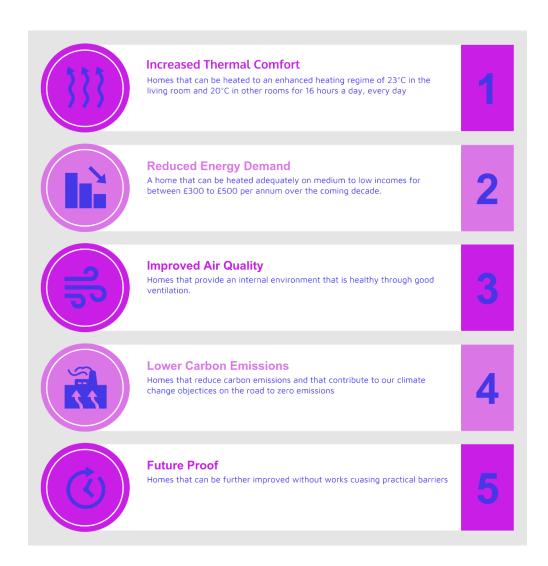


- Circa 12,000 homes in housing stock
- Wide range of property and construction types
- Housing Investment Team are in charge of investing in and maintaining the housing stock





#### Planned Investment



- Asset and Energy Team
- Our role is to plan investment into the housing stock to ensure that we meet targets
- We do this through pilot projects to assess trial solutions
- Pilot project learning is transferred into multi million pound investment programme's



# **Repairs**









- Moisture Damage
- Water Ingress
- Internal Leak
- Lack of Heat or Ventilation



## **Fuel Poverty**

A household is considered fuel poor if:

after housing costs have been deducted, more than 10% (20% for extreme fuel poverty) of their net income is required to pay for their reasonable fuel needs





### How do we monitor?

#### Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) Scotland

#### Flat 0/1, 17 Mimosa Road, Bridge of Weir, PA11 3NF

 Dwelling type:
 Ground-floor flat

 Date of assessment:
 23 February 2016

 Date of certificate:
 23 February 2016

 Total floor area:
 65 m²

 Primary Energy Indicator:
 248 kWh/m²/year

2574-1011-1202-4966-3900 : RdSAP, existing dwelling ion: NES

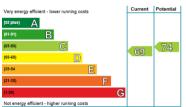
Main heating and fuel: Boiler and radiators, mains gas

#### You can use this document to:

Compare current ratings of properties to see which are more energy efficient and environmentally friendly
 Find out how to save energy and money and also reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by improving your home

Estimated energy costs for your home for 3 years*	£2,079	See your recommendations report for more information		
Over 3 years you could save*	£333			

\* based upon the cost of energy for heating, hot water, lighting and ventilation, calculated using standard assumptions

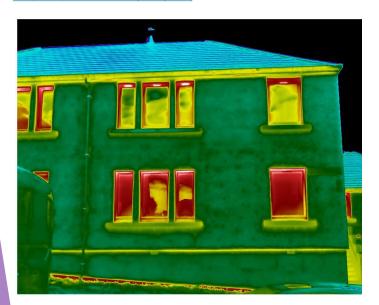


#### **Energy Efficiency Rating**

This graph shows the current efficiency of your home, taking into account both energy efficiency and fuel costs. The higher this rating, the lower your fuel bills are likely to be.

Your current rating is band C (69). The average rating for EPCs in Scotland is band D (61).

The potential rating shows the effect of undertaking all of the improvement measures listed within your recommendations report.



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#### What should we monitor?

- Indoor Temperatures
- Relative Humidity
- ► Co2
- ► Habitable Rooms (Living Room, and Bedrooms)
- Data accessed remotely
- Ideally over a calendar year to cover all seasons
- Large volume of properties
- Trends more important than accurate data

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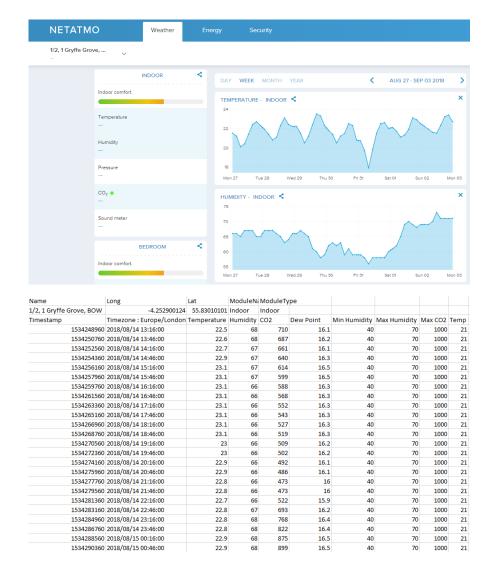








# **Pilot Project**









#### **Tender**

"Renfrewshire Council require a single contractor to supply an end to end service to monitor the internal environmental conditions (including temperature, humidity and Co2 levels) within domestic properties owned by the Council"

"The contractor must provide all environmental sensors, supply, installation and maintenance of a Long Range Wide Area Network (LoRaWan or equivalent) for connection to a software system and a software as a service system to provide the Council with data, reports and analysis of any environmental data collected including recommendations on a per property basis"

- Open Tender
- Released on Public Contract Scotland in October 2019
- ▶ 62 expressions of interest
- ▶ 7 tender responses
- Contract award to IOPT in February 2020



# **Network Requirements**

- Supply, Install and Manage a private LoRaWAN network on behalf of Renfrewshire Council
- Coverage of as much of the housing stock as possible
- 8 Gateways to be fitted on Multi
- 6 Gateways at other suitable sites to maximise coverage
- Network must have geolocation capability
- Mobile Network Backhall
- ► No Network Server at any Council location
- Funding from Scottish Enterprise Can Do Innovation Challenge Fund





# **Sensor Requirements**



TEMPERATURE RELATIVE HUMIDITY AND CO2



CANNOT BE OPENED WITH A STANDARD SCREWDRIVER



BATTERY POWERED BUT NOT WITH A STANDARD BATTERY



BATTERY LIFE OF AT LEAST 4 YEARS



**NO VISABLE LIGHTS** 



NO LARGER THAN A SINGLE LIGHT SWITCH



SENSORS TO BE INSTALLED IN ALL HABITABLE ROOMS



MUST CONNECT THROUGH THE LORAWAN NETWORK



# Sensors







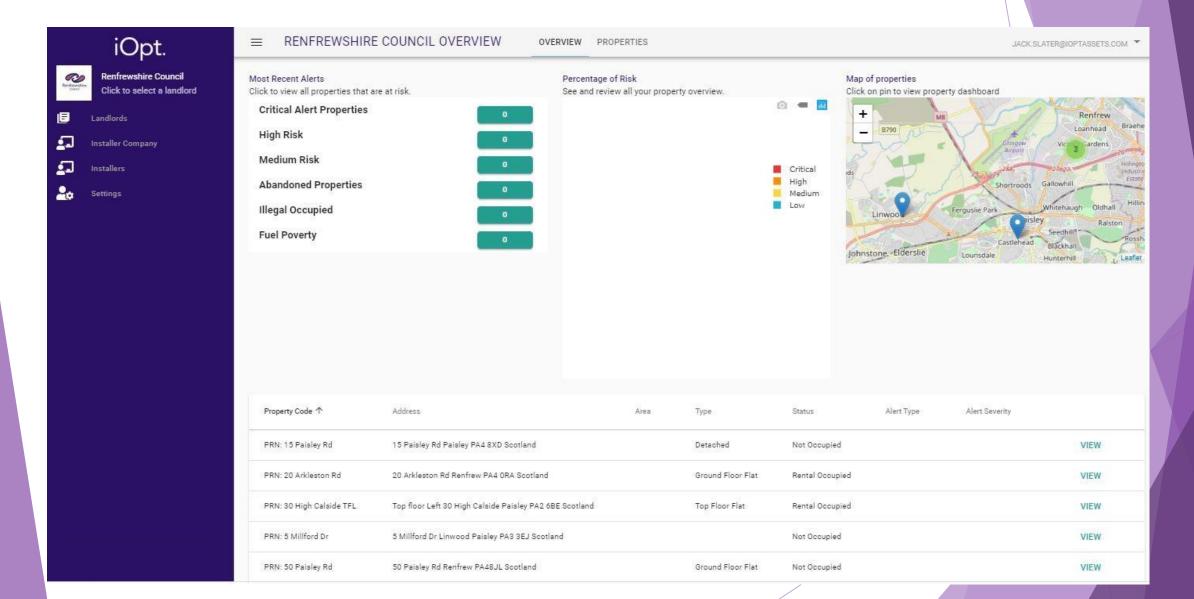


# **Data Analysis**

- Provide software as a system to collate, analyse, alert and report collected data
- Data must be collected at least every 15 minutes and provided at least weekly
- Provide reports with identifies and propose properties that require intervention
- Provide an interactive platform or portal for Council Officers to access for analysis and resident education purposes
- Work with Council on criteria or algorithm for intervention
- Council will provide property date to inform the algorithm
- Refine criteria and algorithm based on feedback from Council intervention visits

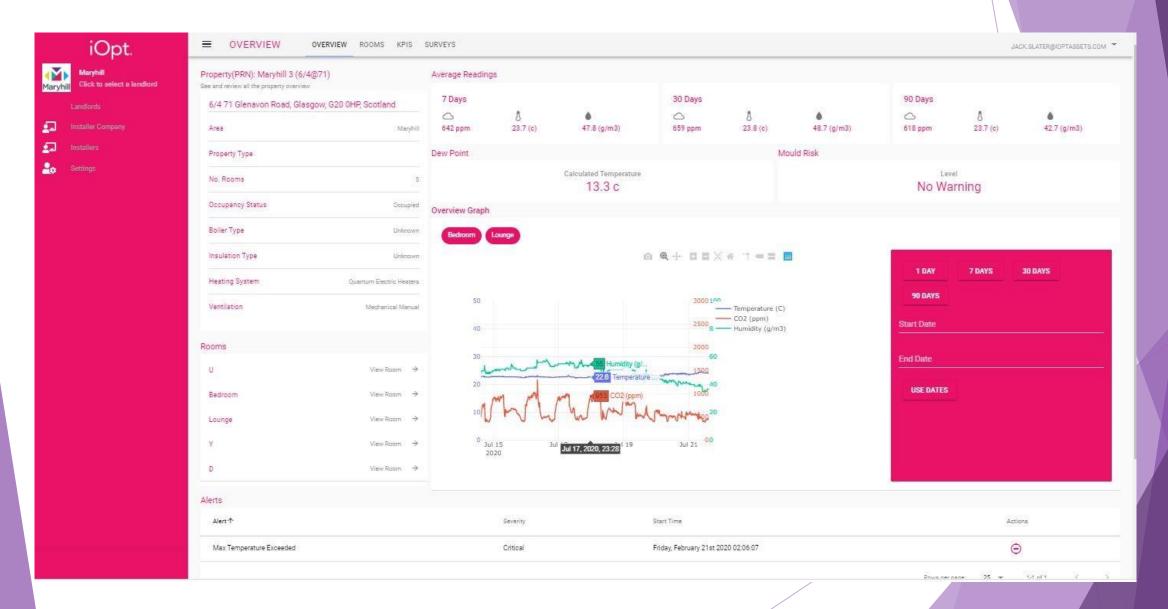


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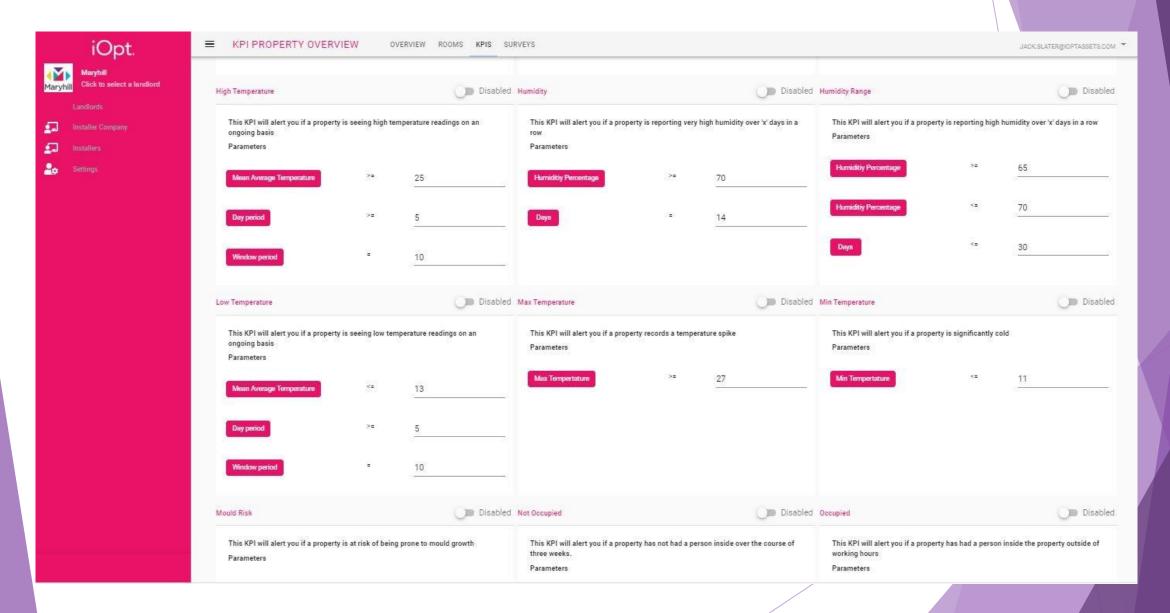


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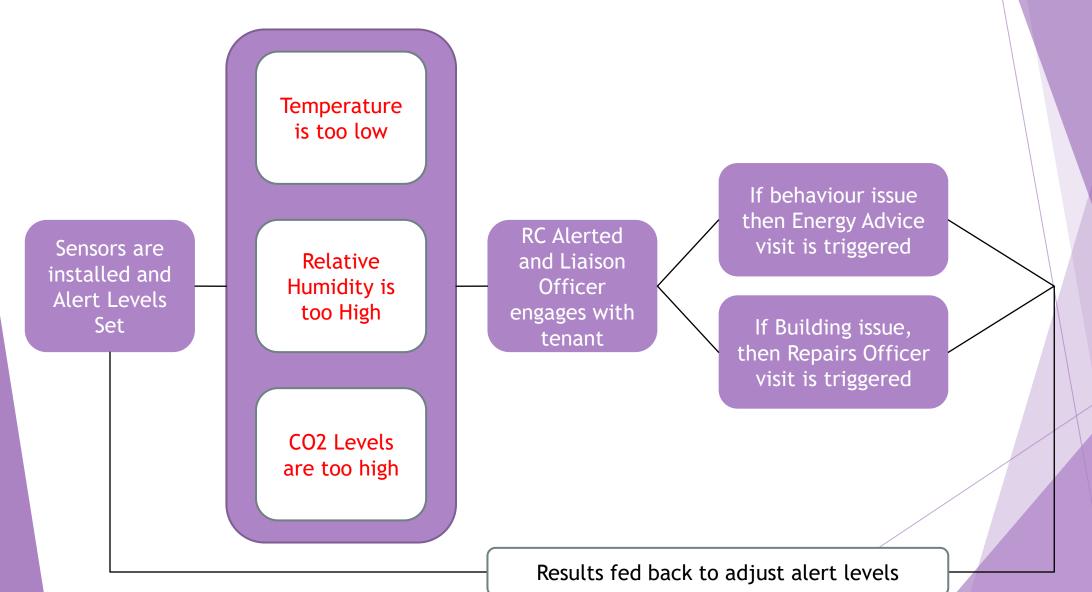


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# How does it all fit together?





### Where are we now?

- Contract Awarded in February 2020
- Delayed start due to Covid Shut Down
- ► IOPT have set up the Portal
- Working with IOPT to set initial alert limits
- ► IOPT have produced an installer training video
- ► Network to be installed in August
- First installs of sensors in void properties as soon as network in place



#### What next?

- ▶ 3300 Sensors to be installed in the first 2 years
- Option to extend into a 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Year
- Roll out to all of our stock
- Develop and refine algorithm for alerts and engagement process
- ▶ Use the data gathered to support other services
- ▶ Use the network for other monitoring equipment
- ► Other Council departments can use the network



# Thank You