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By email

9th of September 2025

Dear Huw,

Re: Net Zero 2035 Challenge Group

We are writing to ask for an update on progress since the Wales Net Zero 2035 Challenge Group published its series of seven reports a year ago.

Commissioned by the leaders of the Welsh Government and Plaid Cymru through the 2021 Co-operation Agreement, the recommendations made in these reports are aimed at renewing and rapidly accelerating Wales's approach to achieving net zero.

In its report on the Fourth Wales Carbon Budget in May of this year, the Climate Change Committee outlined how the Challenge Group had developed a number of policy pathways of action, setting out approaches that could help achieve Net Zero earlier than 2050.

With time of the essence for the effectiveness of the recommendations made by the expert group, we expect to see clear action to progress them under the current Welsh Government.

In your statement, made September 2024, you said that the current Welsh Government would be agreeing the next carbon budget during 2025 and in doing so would carefully consider the proposals, which we welcome. You said that if there are ways to accelerate climate action which would also deliver across all dimensions of well-being, environmental, social, cultural and economic, that we should pursue them.

As we approach one year following the publication of the reports, we would like to know the extent to which the recommendations made by the Net Zero 2035 Challenge Group:

- Have already shaped policy making or policy delivery in Wales,
- Are informing the target setting process for carbon budget 4 (2031-35) for the Senedd to agree this year, in conjunction with the advice of the Climate Change Committee, and
- Are informing early progress, for example stakeholder engagement, on the next net zero plan for Wales to meet carbon budget 3 (2026-30) whilst recognising that this will fall to the next Welsh Government to publish.

It is the intention to reconvene the Net Zero 2035 Challenge Group this autumn. This will be an opportunity to review what has changed in the 12 months since publication, what impact the reports have had and what can be done to make faster progress.



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As part of the Future Generations Commissioner's commitment to working in the open, this letter will be published on the 16th of September.

We would be grateful if you could please respond to this letter by the end of October ahead of re-convening this group. We would also be grateful for an opportunity to meet to discuss this correspondence at a suitably convenient time this Autumn.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Davidson

Chair, Net Zero 2035 Challenge Group



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