

Decarbonisation Programme Newsletter



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Introduction

Welcome to the [second issue](#) of the Decarbonisation Programme Update Bulletin which brings together the latest news on the implementation of the climate change provisions within the Environment (Wales) 2016 Act and sets out the next steps for delivery.

In our first issue we covered the provisions of the Environment (Wales) Act, Programme Governance and Programme work streams and timelines.

In this issue we will be looking back at the UK Committee on Climate Change (UKCCC) Call for Evidence that covers Part 1 of the programme - defining what emissions are counted in our Welsh account — and looking towards Part 2 Setting Targets and Budgets and Part 3 developing the Delivery Plan (draft title). We will also include information about the Natural Resources Wales (NRW) Net Carbon Positive Project.

Part 1 - UKCCC Call for Evidence on accounting options

To inform their advice on how we account for our emissions in Wales, the UKCCC conducted a Call for Evidence on the Net Welsh Emissions account. This was a key opportunity for interested parties to feed in evidence to inform the UKCCC's advice to the Welsh Government. The Call for Evidence was open on the 16th December 2017 and closed 6th February 2017.

An event was held with stakeholders in Cardiff on 26th January 2017 to discuss the Call for Evidence. Stakeholders from various sectors across Wales attended including Business, Industry, Waste, Agriculture and the third sector. The responses from the Call for Evidence can be found [here](#).

The UKCCC published their advice on what should be included in the Net Welsh Emissions Account and the report can be found in the link below.

<https://www.theccc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Welsh-Carbon-Targets-Committee-on-Climate-Change-April-2017.pdf>

Next Steps

The UK Committee on Climate Change (UKCCC), our independent Advisory Body, has now provided advice on the way they believe we should account for emissions in Wales. The advice will be considered by the Ministerial Decarbonisation Task and Finish Group and Cabinet before we confirm the policy direction before summer recess.

Part 2 - Targets and Budgets

Welsh Ministers must set in regulation before the end of 2018 the interim targets (for 2020, 2030 and 2040) and first two carbon budgets covering the periods 2016-2020 and 2021-2025 respectively. The level at which interim targets and budgets are set is at the discretion of the Welsh Ministers and is required to have regard to a number of pieces of evidence.

UKCCC advice and the evidence from our emissions model, the Wales 2050 Calculator, will provide two of the key lines of evidence that will contribute to a range of emissions pathways for Wales. Once agreed, the Welsh pathway will inform the setting of interim target and budget levels.

The Wales 2050 calculator is expected to be available later in the year and the UKCCC advice on a pathways will be available in winter (at the end of the year).

Next Steps

The Welsh Government and UKCCC will be holding an event to promote the UKCCC's Call for Evidence on the 6th July 2017 (Cardiff) and 13th July 2017 (Deganwy) to discuss the Welsh Targets and Budgets with stakeholders. We would like as many stakeholders to contribute to the Call for Evidence. Please contact the Decarbonisation team for further details (contact details below) or should you wish to attend one of these events.

Part 3 - Delivery Plan

Another of the key elements of the Act is for Welsh Minister's to publish a report for each 5 year carbon budget period setting out policies and proposals for meeting the budget and that it must cover the area of responsibility for each of the Welsh Ministers.

A first round of workshops has taken place between November and March bringing policy areas together exploring how policies contribute to our decarbonisation commitments, highlighting opportunities for clean growth and identifying opportunities for joint working.

Next steps

We want to involve our stakeholders in the development of the Delivery Plan. Further information will be provided in due course.

NRW Carbon Positive Project

Natural Resources Wales (NRW) Net Carbon Positive Project is a comprehensive evaluation of the whole of NRW's estate, estimating NRW's emissions and the carbon stored in habitats to evaluate the organisation's net carbon status.

The key aims of this project are to demonstrate that NRW are an exemplar in carbon management and sharing best practice across the Welsh public sector. This includes:

- ❖ comprehensively evaluating the whole of their estate, estimating emissions and the carbon stored in habitats to evaluate the organisation's net carbon status;
- ❖ investigating ambitious and innovative measures to reduce their carbon impact, delivering projects to demonstrate measures and embedding carbon management across NRW; and
- ❖ planning future implementation to accelerate delivery of measures to help meet national and international carbon reduction targets.

If you would like further information on the NRW's Carbon Positive project please visit

<https://naturalresources.wales/media/675126/carbon-positive-project-final.pdf>

Upcoming events

- ❖ Opening of the UKCCC Call for Evidence—6th July (Cardiff) and 13th July (Deganwy)
- ❖ UKCCC Call for Evidence (6 July to 11 September)
- ❖ UKCCC Committee Meeting—7th July
- ❖ New York Climate Week—18th-24th September
- ❖ The 23rd session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 23) to the UN Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) 6th-17th November

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