

# Decarbonisation Programme Newsletter



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## Introduction

Welcome to the third issue of the Decarbonisation Programme Update Newsletter, which brings together the latest news on the implementation of the climate change provisions within the Environment (Wales) Act and sets out the next steps for delivery.

In our previous issues we have been 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 looked towards Part 2 Setting Targets and Budgets and Part 3 on developing and delivery of our Low Carbon Delivery Plan.

In this edition we will focus on the progress made on Parts 1 and 2 of the programme and how we will be taking forward Part 3. We also provide an update on our stakeholder events and highlight future events, which includes the Public sector Leaders Decarbonisation Conference.

There are two key documents that have been released by the Welsh Government, the Natural Resource Policy (NRP) and the Call for Evidence on the Decarbonisation of the Public.

Newsletters will be regularly published over the duration of the Programme 2016-2019 and will be available on our [internet](#) pages.

## Part 1 UKCCC Call for Evidence accounting options

Following a Call for Evidence which was open between the **16th December 2016 and 6th February 2017** and an engagement event in January, the UKCCC has now provided advice on the way they believe we should account for emissions in Wales. A copy of this report can be found [here](#). The advice has been considered by the Ministerial Decarbonisation Task and Finish Group and Cabinet.

The Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs confirmed our approach for accounting for our emissions in a Written Statement [here](#)

## Part 2—Targets and Budgets

The Welsh Government (WG) and UKCCC held two joint Call for Evidence events on the 6th July 2017 (Cardiff) and 13th July 2017 (North Wales) to discuss the UKCCC Call for Evidence on the Welsh Targets and Budgets with stakeholders representing a wide range of sectors.

The Call for Evidence runs until the **11th September 2017**. It is important to get a range of stakeholders to respond to get a wide range of views and evidence. You can find the link to the Call for Evidence [here](#).

Please contact us through the Decarbonisation mailbox if you have any questions or queries.

### Next Steps

The UKCCC will assess the Call for Evidence information and feed that into the recommendations which they have been developing. These recommendations will be provided to Welsh Government and published later this year.

The Welsh Government will set out its approach to these recommendations early in 2018

## Part 3 — Low Carbon Delivery Plan

We have now established cross government working groups to develop our Low Carbon Delivery Plan which sets out the policies and proposals for meeting the first carbon budget.

The Working Groups cover:

- Electricity
- Industry
- Agriculture Land Use and Forestry
- Public Sector
- Buildings
- Corporate Services
- Transport
- Waste

For further information on working groups please contact the Decarbonisation Team [Decarbonisationmailbox@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Decarbonisationmailbox@wales.gsi.gov.uk)

### Next steps

The Working groups will be seeking involvement from their stakeholders in the development of policies and proposals.

## UKCCC Committee meeting

On the 7th July 2017 the UKCCC conducted a public committee meeting in Cardiff.

The UKCCC invited stakeholders and held a number of sessions focussing on Policy (Welsh Government, WFG office) Business/ Industry (TATA, Cenin Cement and TARMAC, Power (RWE UK, Tidal Power, Renewable Energy Cymru) and Land Use and the Natural Environment (NRW, Aberystwyth University, Bangor University and NFU). Many more stakeholders attended in the gallery and asked question to the UKCCC.

Dr Rebecca Heaton of the UKCCC said “Wales is already leading the UK in some areas of climate change action – such as in recycling rates. This welcome progress, will need to extend much more widely across the economy in order for Wales to meet the ambitious longer-term targets that will be required to tackle climate change.”

## Decarbonisation of Public Sector

The Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs has set the ambition for the Welsh Public Sector to be carbon neutral by 2030 and has launched a Call for Evidence.

The aim of the Call for Evidence is to explore the most effective mechanisms for achieving the ambition and the appropriate strategic actions required. Progressing the right actions has the ability to reduce carbon, increase public sector efficiency and influence emission reductions in other sectors of the economy and society.

The Call outlines previous Welsh Government action to meet our decarbonisation targets and also explores the scope of action around both direct and indirect emissions. The call runs from **5th July until the 13th September**. You can find the information [here](#) and submit responses by email to the [GreenGrowth@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:GreenGrowth@wales.gsi.gov.uk).

## Natural Resources Policy

The Natural Resources Policy is part of a suite of products set out in the Environment (Wales) Act for managing natural resources sustainably in Wales. It sets out the national priorities for action both across Welsh Government and more widely, to tackle the risks to our natural resources and to realise the benefits they provide for our well-being and prosperity across all the well-being goals.

The approach taken is based on international best practice, and supports the delivery of our international commitments in relation to biodiversity, climate change and sustainable development. Therefore, in relation to the UK's withdrawal from the European Union, it provides a framework for managing Wales' natural resources, together with the outcomes that we are seeking to achieve, which will provide a focus for any resulting new or different tools or levers for delivery as we move forward.

It draws on the national evidence base, the State of Natural Resources Report, produced by Natural Resources Wales which will also produce Area Statements to deliver the policy in a local context.

You can find a copy of the NRP [here](#)

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