



Welcome

Welcome to the April 2018 issue of the Decarbonisation Programme Newsletter, which brings together the latest news on the implementation of the climate change provisions within the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 and sets out the next steps for delivery.

In our previous issue we reflected on all the work which had happened over 2017 and looked forward to the next steps in 2018. In this issue we will be updating on the progress which has been made in 2018 and setting out further detail on the work over the coming months.

Targets and Budgets

Following a call for evidence the UK Committee on Climate Change (UKCCC) have now provided Welsh Government their advice on setting targets and budgets required to meet our 2050 target.

Their report Building a low-carbon economy in Wales – Setting Welsh carbon targets was launched on 19 December in Cardiff with over fifty stakeholders attending.

The Welsh Government is currently reviewing our own evidence, advice from the UKCCC, as well as wider evidence prior to setting out their policy intention in

the summer. The UKCCC's report can be found [here](#).

Consultation- We need your views

This summer the Welsh Government will be consulting on how Wales should cut greenhouse gas emissions to 2030.

Whilst our first Low Carbon Delivery Plan will cover our first Carbon Budget for 2016 to 2020 we also need to start thinking about future actions. Therefore, we will be consulting on **the actions we should take over the 2020s to reduce emissions up to 2030**. We think that is

far enough away to give actions time to have an effect but not so far away that we can't anticipate most societal and technological changes with a reasonable level of confidence.

We will be holding a number of events to launch and disseminate information about the consultation. The launch event will be held in July with further events being held over the course of the 12 week consultation.

Additional information about the consultation will be available on our [website](#).

Public Sector Leaders Event

Although the Public Sector only account for a small proportion of emissions in Wales there is a need for strong leadership to deliver change. This is why on the 1st February we held a Public Sector leaders event in Jurys Inn, Cardiff.

The event had over 50 delegates from across the Public Sector. The Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs (EPRA) and Cabinet Secretary for Finance addressed the event highlighting the important role the Public Sector has in delivering the Welsh Government's ambition for a carbon neutral public sector by 2030. There were also presentations from the Well-being for Future Generations Commissioner on how the Well-being of Future Generations Act can help to deliver a carbon neutral public sector and Andy Middleton, NRW board member from Natural Resources Wales on the innovative [Carbon positive project](#). The event was chaired by the former Minister for Environment and current Vice Chancellor for Trinity Saint David's University Jane Davidson.

There were some very interesting discussions and points raised throughout the day and the Welsh Government will

continue to work with the Public Sector to develop the step change which is needed. Therefore, further events will be held for public sector organisations over the summer to further the understanding and expectation of what is required to meet the Cabinet Secretary for EPRA's ambition of a Carbon neutral Public Sector by 2030.

NRW Carbon Positive - Sharing Our Approach

NRW held events in Cardiff (January) and North Wales (March) to share the approach and experience of their Carbon Positive Project.

This was an opportunity for practitioners from across the Welsh public sector and beyond to learn from their approach and to network with others. These events attracted a good range of Public Sector stakeholders with delegates providing their inputs on what they foresee as opportunities and potential problems which may occur.

Natural Resources Wales (NRW) is committed to positive action on climate change and recognises the importance of pursuing opportunities to decarbonise.

The Carbon Positive Project has shown NRW how it can address its carbon impact across buildings, transport, managing land and operational assets, and procurement of goods and services.

You can find out more about the Carbon Positive Project [here](#)

Legislative changes brought about by the Planning (Wales) Act, Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act and Environment (Wales) Act have meant that we need to ensure that PPW remains up to date and assist planners, at all levels and sectors, in delivering high quality development in Wales.

The Welsh Government has extensively reworked PPW to put place making at the heart of planning policy. This not only ensures that we can help to maximise the planning system's contribution to the 7 Well-being Goals whilst embracing the 5 ways of working, it also means that we can think about planning differently and focus on delivering places where we all want to live, work and enjoy.

We have taken this opportunity to revise planning policy in a number of key areas including housing, energy, the environment and transport.

We would like to know what you think of our new approach to policy and the changes proposed. Please visit: <https://consultations.gov.wales/consultations/planning-policy-wales-edition-10> to access a consultation version of Edition 10 of PPW along with a consultation paper with questions to guide you through the document. Please use the consultation form to make your views known.

Public consultation on this new version of PPW is now open and will run until 18th May.

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