

17 June 2025

Dear

ATISN 24740: Tree-planting/CCC

Information requested

Thank you for your request, which I received on 19 May. You asked for:

- Correspondence between the Climate Change Committee and the Welsh Government that references, or has relevance to, tree-planting in Wales, from 1 September 2024 to the present day; and
- Internal correspondence within the Welsh Government relating to any correspondence identified above, also from 1 September 2024 to the present day.

Following my email seeking clarification of your request, on 23 May you confirmed that you are looking for “internal communication that explicitly references communication on tree-planting targets and the Climate Change Committee. So, for example, internal emails or other communication that discusses the Welsh Government’s approach to discussing the tree-planting targets with the Climate Change Committee, or discussions taking place after a meeting with the CCC or after receiving correspondence from them that covers tree-planting.”

Our response

The information you requested is enclosed at Annex A. Please note that only the names of officials in the Senior Civil Service (SCS) have been included. The names of non-SCS officials have been replaced with references, such as ‘WG official 1’.

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government’s handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government’s Freedom of Information Officer at:

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Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

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Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely,

Annex A

Doc 1 – 2024.09.04 – Email to CCC

From: [WG official 1]
Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2024 1:47 PM
To: [CCC official 1]
Cc: [WG official 7]; [CCC official 5]; [CCC official 6]
Subject: Wales-only sessions

Hi [CCC official 1],

When we spoke on 13th August you invited thoughts on any particular sectors that would benefit from a Wales-only session with the CCC towards the end of this month/into October. I appreciate you weren't promising to arrange them (meaning we'd have to rely on the UK-wide sessions instead) but I'd be grateful if you could consider organising Wales-only briefing sessions for the following sectors. We have our regular catch-up next Tuesday so perhaps we can discuss then.

- 1) Agriculture and land use
- 2) Residential buildings
- 3) Energy

Diolch,
[WG official 1].

Doc 2 – 2024.09.10 – Internal email

From: [WG official 1]

Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 4:48 PM

To: Elen Shepard & Bekah Cioffi Jobshare/Rhannu Swydd (Deputy Director, EET – Energy Directorate – Decarbonisation & Energy); [WG official 2]; [WG official 3]; [WG official 7]; [WG official 13]; [WG official 14]; [WG official 15]

Subject: Remaining engagement on CCC advice

Hi all,

I just had a quick call with the CCC, who outlined the remaining engagement on next year's advice:

- They're anticipating two UK-wide sessions, one on residential buildings and one on energy supply – same format as previous sessions for other sectors i.e. working level run through of CCC analysis (we had a buildings session already but sounds like they've refined the analysis)
- Then a single, UK-wide more strategic session for senior officials (Mandate Holders?) – to cover all sectors and share emerging 'stories' from the CCC's analysis, the process from now on, with a chance for Q&A

All dates are TBC but they talked about later this month. [CCC official 1] will share the invitation with me to circulate to appropriate colleagues.

I have sent them the list of 'priority' sectors we agreed for Wales-only engagement (Agri/LU, energy, residential buildings). They need to consider capacity to do this, flagging that it may be next year after UK advice is published in February/March – but still before publication of Wales advice in May/June.

We should also think about arranging a meeting between Cab Sec (or Cabinet?) and the Chair/CEO at a similar time e.g. April next year. I haven't mentioned this to the CCC yet.

Doc 3 – 2024.09.23 – Internal email

From: [WG official 1]

Sent: Monday, September 23, 2024 3:52 PM

To: [WG official 2]; [WG official 3]

Subject: RE: Climate Change Committee Progress Report - Welsh Government response to recommendations - Agriculture & Land Use - by 27 September

I think at least some of Mark [Alexander]/[WG official 4]/[WG official 5] were on the call with the CCC Chair and Lead Agri Analyst back in July ([WG official 2] you managed the IT from Ty Hywel!) – presumably they took the opportunity to engage them on our approach at that point? Or have we revised our approach since then? I think they could reach out to [CCC official 2] for a follow-up to that, noting that I understand the CCC's analysis is pretty much wrapped up by now so we shouldn't expect to influence next year's advice.

We could also flag the new CEO (expected to be Emma Pinchbeck, in post from November) – I was thinking we'd arrange for Cab Sec to meet her anyway, so perhaps that's one avenue. Might not be until Q1 next year though. Similarly your line about CCC considering capacity for Wales engagement – we might want to manage expectations so 'may not be for a while' could be 'may follow publication of their UK advice in February'.

From: [WG official 2]

Sent: Monday, September 23, 2024 3:36 PM

To: [WG official 1]; [WG official 3]

Subject: FW: Climate Change Committee Progress Report - Welsh Government response to recommendations - Agriculture & Land Use - by 27 September

Hi Both,

I'd welcome some guidance on how to respond to this. A bit frustrating, because we've not been historically very good at sharing data. However, I suggest:

Senior colleagues met with their CCC counterparts last week. The CCC held some four-nation briefings in June on their work to prepare the next large piece of WG (and UKG) advice (which will be delivered to us in spring 2025). The CCC are also preparing a single, UK-wide strategic session for senior officials (covering all sectors) to share emerging 'stories' from their analysis is also planned. No dates have been shared, but we're expecting to get them very shortly.

We have sent them a priority list for Wales-only engagement (Agri/LU, energy, residential buildings). The CCC were going away to consider capacity to do this, but this may not be for a while.

The CCC are very open to receiving evidence and data. If there is something specific you have in mind, we can contact the CCC.

Any objections or improvements?

From: Mark Alexander (Deputy Director, LGHCCRA - Land, Nature & Food - Land Management Reform Division)

Sent: Monday, September 23, 2024 2:42 PM

To: [WG official 2]; [WG official 4]

Cc: Gian Marco Currado (Director, LGHCCRA - Land, Nature & Food - Agriculture, Food & Marine); Claire Bennett (Director, LGHCCRA - Land, Nature & Food - Agriculture, Food & Marine)

Subject: RE: Climate Change Committee Progress Report - Welsh Government response to recommendations - Agriculture & Land Use - by 27 September

Hi,

This exchange reminded me of a conversation I had with [WG official 4] about the need to engage with the CCC on our revised approach. It's an obvious question we are asked by stakeholders and politicians so need to engage with them even if it's to share the revised scheme outline.

Any views on how best to do this?

Mark

From: Claire Bennett (Director, LGHCCRA - Land, Nature & Food - Agriculture, Food & Marine)

Sent: Monday, September 23, 2024 11:16 AM

To: Gian Marco Currado (Director, LGHCCRA - Land, Nature & Food - Agriculture, Food & Marine); Naomi Matthiessen (Deputy Director, LGHCCRA - Land, Nature & Food - Landscapes, Nature & Forestry); Gareth Bevington (Deputy Director, LGHCCRA - Environment & Marine - Marine & Fisheries); Mark Alexander, (Deputy Director, LGHCCRA - Land, Nature & Food - Land Management Reform Division); Hugh Morgan (Deputy Director, LGHCCRA - Climate Change and Rural Affairs - Rural Payments Wales); Nicola Thomas (Deputy Director, LGHCCRA - Land, Nature & Food - Strat Evd, Borders & Inter-Gov Relations)

Cc: [WG official 5]; [WG official 6]; [WG official 8]; Elen Shepard & Bekah Cioffi Jobshare/Rhannu Swydd (Deputy Director, EET - Energy Directorate - Decarbonisation & Energy); [WG official 2]; [WG official 3]; [WG official 1]; [WG official 16]; [WG official 7]

Subject: Climate Change Committee Progress Report - Welsh Government response to recommendations - Agriculture & Land Use - by 27 September

Hi all – hope all okay I'm just getting in touch because we need to provide a Welsh Government response to three recommendations related to the agriculture sector in the Climate Change Committee's [2024 Progress Report](#).

The Climate Change Team have pre-populated a response to the recommendations (columns highlighted in yellow in the attached iShare document), based on the most recent reports to Portfolio Board etc, but you will need to check and amend as needed.

The first recommendation is on tree planting but is very closely linked to the operation of current schemes and design of SFS. The others are, basically, about SFS and the transition to it. I think there will be something positive to say on all of them and we might want to consider whether we accept the 'no progress' assessment on the final recommendation.

Please can you **review and make any changes and confirm you are content by close on 27 September?**

(I've attached a copy of the guidance provided by DESNZ which provides the detail on the format and approach to the response. The DFM will clear the Welsh Government contribution to the overall response by the end of the month, hence the deadline for input this week.)

The team will be in touch separately about the Welsh Government annual progress report and to update on progress in developing our pathways to the Portfolio Board.

Happy to discuss.

Thanks
Claire

Doc 4 – 2024.10.01 – Email to CCC

From: Elen Shepard & Bekah Cioffi Jobshare/Rhannu Swydd (Deputy Director, EET - Energy Directorate - Decarbonisation & Energy)
Sent: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 10:05 AM
To: Naomi Matthiessen, (Deputy Director, LGHCCRA - Land, Nature & Food - Landscapes, Nature & Forestry); [CCC official 2]
Cc: [CCC official 3]; [WG official 6]; [WG official 2]
Subject: RE: Intro Catch-up - trees, forestry & peat in Wales

Phew – Glad [WG official 2] could attend. Apologies for the tardy response!

From: Naomi Matthiessen (Deputy Director, LGHCCRA - Land, Nature & Food - Landscapes, Nature & Forestry)
Sent: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 10:05 AM
To: Elen Shepard & Bekah Cioffi Jobshare/Rhannu Swydd (Deputy Director, EET - Energy Directorate - Decarbonisation & Energy); [CCC official 2]
Cc: [CCC official 3]; [WG official 6]; [WG official 2]
Subject: RE: Intro Catch-up - trees, forestry & peat in Wales

Hello,
Yes – it actually happened yesterday. Was a useful meeting, and good to have [WG official 2] there.
Naomi

From: Elen Shepard & Bekah Cioffi Jobshare/Rhannu Swydd (Deputy Director, EET - Energy Directorate - Decarbonisation & Energy)
Sent: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 9:27 AM
To: Naomi Matthiessen, (Deputy Director, LGHCCRA - Land, Nature & Food - Landscapes, Nature & Forestry); [CCC official 2]
Cc: [CCC official 3]; [WG official 6]; [WG official 2]
Subject: RE: Intro Catch-up - trees, forestry & peat in Wales

Thanks Naomi, I've copied in [WG official 2] in case he or his team would like to attend. Has a date been agreed yet?

From: Naomi Matthiessen, (Deputy Director, LGHCCRA - Land, Nature & Food - Landscapes, Nature & Forestry)
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2024 1:39 PM
To: [CCC official 2]; Elen Shepard & Bekah Cioffi Jobshare/Rhannu Swydd (Deputy Director, EET - Energy Directorate - Decarbonisation & Energy)
Cc: [CCC official 3]; [WG official 6]
Subject: RE: Intro Catch-up - trees, forestry & peat in Wales

Hi [CCC official 3],
Thanks for getting back to me. I could do any of the following dates/times. Also copying to [Elen Shepard & Bekah Cioffi] in case they want to suggest someone from their team joins us:
Mon 30th Sept – PM
Tues 8th Oct – AM

Weds 9th Oct – AM
Weds 16th Oct – AM
Best wishes,
Naomi

From: [CCC official 2]
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 9:11 AM
To: Naomi Matthiessen (Deputy Director, LGHCCRA - Land, Nature & Food - Landscapes, Nature & Forestry)
Cc: [CCC official 3]
Subject: RE: Intro Catch-up - trees, forestry & peat in Wales

Hi Naomi,

Sorry I missed your email while I was on leave. Happy to have a chat with you when you are back if you would like to suggest a few dates. I have also cc'd in my colleague [CCC official 3] who is leading on trees and forestry for our CB7 advice. Chat soon.

[CCC official 2]

From: Naomi Matthiessen (Deputy Director, LGHCCRA - Land, Nature & Food - Landscapes, Nature & Forestry)
Sent: 14 August 2024 10:52
To: [CCC official 2]
Subject: Intro Catch-up - trees, forestry & peat in Wales

Hi [CCC official 2],

We met in July when you came to Cardiff to meet Huw Irranca-Davies. I'm the WG deputy director responsible for trees/forestry and peatland restoration. It would be great to have a follow-up chat at some point about what Welsh Govt is doing on trees & forestry and understand more about the approach the CCC is likely to be taking to advice on the LULUCF area in future.

I'm around for the next few weeks and then off for the first two weeks in September, but back on 16th Sept.

Best wishes,
Naomi

Doc 5 – 2024.10.02 – Internal email

From: [WG official 6]

Sent: 2 October 2024 13:40

To: [WG official 11]; [WG official 17]; [WG official 18]; [WG official 19]; [WG official 20]; [WG official 21]; [WG official 22]; [WG official 23]; [WG official 24]; [WG official 25];

Cc: [WG official 8]

Subject: Intro Catch-up - trees, forestry & peat in Wales

Hi all,

Please see below for points from the meeting. Happy to discuss in our team meeting next week.

Meeting with Climate Change Committee 30/9/24

Present : **WG:** Naomi Matthiessen (NM), [WG official 2], [WG official 4], [WG official 6] **CCC:** [CCC official 2], [CCC official 3]

NM opened the meeting and, following introductions, set out the agenda.

- NM gave an update on forestry policy including the increases to woodland creation grant rates, introduction of the SWCG scheme and Agroforestry options. The development of SFS has led to uncertainty and landowners may be waiting to see the final scheme details before committing to planting trees. Agroforestry and low density planting is of interest to farmers. CCC acknowledged lower density planting has implications for carbon sequestration rates. It was noted that this, and historical planting rates, has wider implications for Wales's net zero commitment, potentially requiring faster emission reductions that may prove difficult.
- CCC asked about progress of the Carbon Sequestration Review Panel and [WG official 4] gave an update. The panel have heard from a number of experts and considered a significant amount of evidence and will publish its recommendations in due course. The process has enabled the panel to become familiar with the challenges of designing Universal Actions and the complexities and limitations of alternative means of carbon sequestration.
- [WG official 2] commented that CCC focus on cost effective recommendations to reach net zero. Welsh Government needs to consider actions that are both cost effective and enable a just transition. As 60% of the levers to reach net zero are at UK Government level, this restricts the measures Welsh Government are able to implement.
- A number of factors affect land use change in Wales including cultural sensitivities, concerns about land ownership change and the fact land holdings tend to be smaller scale than other UK nations. As the majority of land in Wales is used for agriculture, farmers are critical stakeholders and we want them to understand the benefits of integrating woodland on farms. [CCC official 2] asked whether we are engaging with farmers and NM confirmed regular engagement is ongoing.

- CCC confirmed the CB7 trees and forestry analysis is being led by [CCC official 3]. To ensure consistency a common approach between CB 6 and CB7 is being taken.
- [CCC official 3] spoke of the process taken by CCC in setting tree planting targets for nations. Land use for settlements is excluded and consideration given to land used for food production. The amount of land “released” for afforestation results from changes to land use from diet change, waste reduction and from efficient grazing rates. However, consideration is not given to other sensitivities that may prevent areas from being suitable for tree planting. JS outlined the use of IMP modelling which identifies known constraints for afforestation. WG also has LIDAR data showing the percentage level of on farm woodland cover exceeds the level quoted by CCC. It is important to ensure a consistent approach and messaging. **Action point:** [WG official 4] to arrange a further meeting with CCC to discuss data.
- [CCC official 3] confirmed that for Carbon Budget 7 CCC will look at current planting patterns split across land types, maintaining current rates as a “baseline” but also looking at accelerating rates over a timeframe that gives government an opportunity to scale up and communities chances to adapt to change. CCC recognise that biomass is not a feasible option for Wales and recognised facilities to utilise biomass do not exist here. CCC intend to adjust for the removal of biomass targets by a corresponding increase in tree planting targets. **Please note: this information should not be shared as CB7 is yet to be drafted.**
- The meeting was drawn to a close with a commitment to continue meeting to share information.

Doc 6 – 2024.11.29 – Internal email

From: [WG official 1]

Sent: 29 November 2024 15:59

To: Naomi Matthiessen, (Deputy Director, LGHCCRA - Land, Nature & Food - Landscapes, Nature & Forestry); [WG official 7]; [DFM's Private Secretary mailbox]; [WG official 8]; [WG official 6]

Cc: [DFM's Special Advisor]; [WG official 2]; Claire Bennett (Director, LGHCCRA - Land, Nature & Food - Agriculture, Food & Marine); Elen Shepard & Bekah Cioffi Jobshare/Rhannu Swydd, (Deputy Director, EET - Energy Directorate - Decarbonisation & Energy); [Decarbonisation Team mailbox]; [WG official 13]

Subject: RE: For clearance: Letter to the new CCC CEO - our ref: HIDCC/PO/0361/24

Thanks Naomi. [WG official 7]'s off this week but I'll work with [WG official 8] and [WG official 6] to add lines to the letter.

However, I think we need to be realistic with the DFM about what a meeting could achieve. As I understand it, the CCC's analysis for next year's advice is essentially complete and they are now drafting the report. Therefore I wouldn't expect the CCC to change their numbers.

Of course, we don't have to accept the CCC's analysis – although we did accept the 43,000ha target e.g. [press release in 2022](#). So being unable to change the CCC's numbers isn't necessarily a problem, as long as we're able to compile an alternative all-economy emissions pathway that demonstrates which sector is going to pick up the slack generated by a less ambitious tree planting target.

Diolch,
[WG official 1]

From: Naomi Matthiessen, (Deputy Director, LGHCCRA - Land, Nature & Food - Landscapes, Nature & Forestry)

Sent: 29 November 2024 15:59

To: [WG official 7]; [DFM's Private Secretary mailbox]; [WG official 8]; [WG official 6]

Cc: [DFM's Special Advisor]; [WG official 2]; Claire Bennett (Director, LGHCCRA - Land, Nature & Food - Agriculture, Food & Marine); Elen Shepard & Bekah Cioffi Jobshare/Rhannu Swydd (Deputy Director, EET - Energy Directorate - Decarbonisation & Energy); [DFM's Special Advisor]; [Decarbonisation Team mailbox]; [WG official 1]; [WG official 13]

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[WG official 7],

The background to this is that we were discussing tree targets with the DFM earlier in the week and mentioning the extreme challenges associated with delivering on the CCC's recommendation of 43,000ha of planting in Wales by 2030, and our view that the CCC's assumptions in coming to this target for Wales were unrealistic. This is

very 'live' at the moment in the context of the SFS and the need to set a scheme-level target for tree planting and hedgerow creation.

The DFM indicated that he would like to talk to the CCC about their recommendations on tree planting – potentially challenging the scale of the recommendation for Wales.

[WG official 2] and I met the CCC a couple of months ago to talk more broadly about trees & forestry in Wales and agreed we would have a follow up session in the new year in any case, so we probably need to make sure this is all tied together somehow.

Naomi

From: [WG official 7]

Sent: 29 November 2024 14:25

To: [DFM's Private Secretary mailbox]; [WG official 8]; [WG official 6]

Cc: [DFM's Special Advisor]; [WG official 2]; Claire Bennett (Director, LGHCCRA - Land, Nature & Food - Agriculture, Food & Marine); Elen Shepard & Bekah Cioffi Jobshare/Rhannu Swydd (Deputy Director, EET - Energy Directorate - Decarbonisation & Energy); [Decarbonisation Team mailbox]; [WG official 1]; [WG official 13]; Naomi Matthiessen (Deputy Director, LGHCCRA - Land, Nature & Food - Landscapes, Nature & Forestry)

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No problem [WG official 9], I'll speak to [WG official 8] and [WG official 6] about the additional lines and come back to you.

Regarding the DFM meeting, I don't have a preference on whether that's face to face or virtual. Whatever is best for the DFM and Emma [Pinchbeck, the CCC's new CEO]. If Emma visits Wales in person in the spring, she may wish to meet one on one with the DFM online early in the year to limit her travel to Wales. However, if she does visit in person in the Spring, for one of our Portfolio Board (PB) meetings (we have one on the 20th May that might work), we could co-ordinate the DFM meeting and PB so they take place on the same day.

It all depends on diary commitments for them both I guess.
Thanks

From: [DFM's Private Secretary mailbox]

Sent: 29 November 2024 12:57

To: [WG official 7]; [WG official 8]; [WG official 6]

Cc: [DFM's Private Secretary mailbox]; [DFM's Special Advisor]; [WG official 2]; Claire Bennett (Director, LGHCCRA - Land, Nature & Food - Agriculture, Food & Marine); Elen Shepard & Bekah Cioffi Jobshare/Rhannu Swydd (Deputy Director, EET - Energy Directorate - Decarbonisation & Energy); [Decarbonisation Team mailbox]; [WG official 1]; [WG official 13]; Naomi Matthiessen (Deputy Director, LGHCCRA - Land, Nature & Food - Landscapes, Nature & Forestry)

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Hi [WG official 7],

Thanks for the draft letter.

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In relation to the appointment, would be asking for a virtual online meeting before a possible visit in Spring 2025 please?

Thanks, [WG official 9]

From: [WG official 7]

Sent: 28 November 2024 11:15

To: [DFM's Private Secretary mailbox]; [DFM's Correspondence mailbox]

Cc: [WG official 2]; Claire Bennett (Director, LGHCCRA - Land, Nature & Food - Agriculture, Food & Marine); Elen Shepard & Bekah Cioffi Jobshare/Rhannu Swydd (Deputy Director, EET - Energy Directorate - Decarbonisation & Energy); [DFM's Special Advisor]; [Decarbonisation Team mailbox]; [WG official 1]; [WG official 13]

Subject: For clearance: Letter to the new CCC CEO

Good morning PO [Private Office]

We have drafted a suggested letter to be issued from the DFM to the new Climate Change Committee CEO, congratulating her to her new role and requesting a meeting which we would like issued from the DFM if possible.

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Once the reference is created and the DFM has cleared can you please issue?

Thanks

[WG official 7]

Doc 7 – 2024.12.02 – Internal email (with letter to CCC)

From: [DFM's Private Secretary mailbox]

Sent: 02 December 2024 12:43

To: [WG official 1]; [WG official 7]; [WG official 8]; [WG official 6]

Cc: [DFM's Special Advisor]; [WG official 2]; Claire Bennett (Director, LGHCCRA - Land, Nature & Food - Agriculture, Food & Marine); Elen Shepard & Bekah Cioffi Jobshare/Rhannu Swydd (Deputy Director, EET - Energy Directorate - Decarbonisation & Energy)>; [Decarbonisation Team mailbox]; [WG official 13]; Naomi Matthiessen (Deputy Director, LGHCCRA - Land, Nature & Food - Landscapes, Nature & Forestry)

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Hi [WG official 1],

The DFM CSCCRA has cleared the letter. I attach a copy issued for your records and iShare filing. **[Note – letter included at Doc 7a].**

Thanks, [WG official 9]

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Hi [WG official 9],

Please see a revised draft attached – incorporating a request for a call ahead of a possible visit next spring, as well as lines about tree planting from [WG official 6].

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[WG official 7]

Doc 7a – Letter to CCC

Huw Irranca-Davies AS/MS

Y Dirprwy Brif Weinidog ac Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros
Newid Hinsawdd a Materion Gwledig
Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change
and Rural Affairs



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Ein cyf/Our ref: HID/PO/0361/24
Emma Pinchbeck
Chief Executive
Climate Change Committee
1 Victoria Street
Westminster
London
SW1H 0ET

16 December 2024

Dear Emma,

I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to you on your appointment as Chief Executive Officer of the Climate Change Committee. Your leadership comes at a pivotal time as we collectively navigate the transition to a net zero future and the challenges arising from more frequent extreme weather events. The Committee's expertise will be invaluable as we seek to accelerate decarbonisation, adapt to the impacts of a changing climate, and ensure a just transition for all communities across Wales.

We are committed to working collaboratively to ensure that our policies deliver lasting benefits for both current and future generations. I very much appreciate the CCC's ongoing engagement, related to both next year's climate mitigation advice and in supporting our recent adaptation strategy publication.

I have asked my officials to explore with you the possibility of hosting a CCC visit to Wales next spring. I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you personally, and for you to attend one of our internal Climate Change Portfolio Board meetings to discuss the findings from the CCC's analysis ahead of publishing the Wales advice in May.

In addition, I would be grateful for a conversation at your earliest convenience to discuss the opportunities and challenges in relation to the Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry sector. We recently published the proposed outline of our Sustainable Farming Scheme and will continue to work with stakeholders on finalising the scheme design over the coming months. I was also pleased to attend the newly established UK Tree Taskforce and am looking forward to working with the other UK nations to increase tree planting rates. Both these initiatives will help influence how we meet our sustainable land management objectives and climate targets.

Once again, congratulations on your new role. I look forward to working closely with you and the Committee in the months and years ahead. The CCC's work is critical to our efforts to deliver impactful action to address the climate crisis and ensure a sustainable future for all.

Yours sincerely,

Huw Irranca-Davies AS/MS

Y Dirprwy Brif Weinidog ac Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Newid Hinsawdd a Materion Gwledig

Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs

Doc 8 – 2025.01.13 – Email to CCC

From: [WG official 1]
Sent: 13 January 2025 14:55
To: [CCC Private Office]
Cc: [WG official 7]; Claire Bennett (Director, LGHCCRA - Land, Nature & Food - Agriculture, Food & Marine)
Subject: RE: CCC & WG Bi-Monthly Meetings

Thanks [CCC official 4]. A subsequent meeting might be necessary between officials but given the challenges in the LULUCF sector and imminent CCC advice the Deputy First Minister is likely to want to touch on the question with Emma tomorrow.

[WG official 1].

From: [CCC Private Office]
Sent: 13 January 2025 13:55
To: [WG official 1]
Cc: [WG official 7]
Subject: RE: CCC & WG Bi-Monthly Meetings

Hi [WG official 1]

I've just reviewed the attached letter from the Deputy First Minister and noted he would like to discuss "opportunities and challenges in relation to the Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry sector". Emma only has half an hour for this meeting, so perhaps we could set up another meeting to discuss the above and invite along [CCC official 2] who is the head of our Land and Agriculture team?

Best wishes
[CCC official 4]

Doc 9 – 2025.01.14 – Internal note

Meeting between the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs and the Chief Executive Officer of the Climate Change Committee, Emma Pinchbeck

Tuesday 14 January 2025 09:45 – 10:15, Microsoft Teams

Also in attendance:

- Claire Bennett, Director of Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability
- [DFM's Special Advisor]
- [WG official 9]
- [WG official 2]
- [WG official 10]
- [CCC official 5]

Climate Change Committee's UK Seventh Carbon Budget advice

- The CCC's advice on the UK's Seventh Carbon Budget is in its final stages. Some areas of the advice will be relevant to Wales. The advice will have a focus on electrification of infrastructure, including transport, and increased renewables generation. The advice will take a technology/markets-first approach to agriculture, instead of consumer taxation. There will be advice on livestock and consideration of the approaches being taken by other UK Government departments towards specific policy areas, e.g. the NHS on food policy. The advice will include some distributive impact analysis, including on poorer communities and regions where industrial decarbonisation plans are not clear.

Climate Change Committee's Wales-specific advice

- Emma Pinchbeck offered to provide an overview of what their Wales-specific advice will include with Welsh Government officials in March or April.
- Emma Pinchbeck agreed to take part in the Climate Change Portfolio Board meeting scheduled for 20 May 2025.
- The CCC is in the process of assigning a 'champion for Wales', whose role will be to represent Welsh interests at the Committee.
- The Deputy First Minister emphasised the importance of placing the right demands on the right sectors, and ensuring we deliver a just transition.
- The Deputy First Minister reiterated the major political decisions required to meet Welsh Government's Carbon Budget 3 while 'bringing people with us'.

Land Use, Land Use Change, and Forestry Sector

- The Deputy First Minister highlighted the issue of tree planting rates in Wales. Welsh Government officials agreed to engage with CCC counterparts on the role of tree planting in reaching targets.
- Emma Pinchbeck explained that the aviation-related advice may potentially impact on tree planting policies in Wales.

Actions:

Officials to follow up with CCC counterparts on:

- The timings for Emma Pinchbeck to provide an overview of what the CCC's Wales-specific advice will include with Welsh Government officials in March or April.
- The arrangements for Emma Pinchbeck to take part in the Climate Change Portfolio Board meeting scheduled for 20 May 2025.
- A possible 'deep dive' workshop focusing on the role of tree planting in decarbonisation.

Doc 10 – 2025.01.16 – Internal email

From: [WG official 1]

Sent: 16 January 2025 10:01

To: Naomi Matthiessen (Deputy Director, LGHCCRA - Climate Change and Env Sustainability - Landscapes, Nature & Forestry); [WG official 2]; Elen Shepard & Bekah Cioffi Jobshare/Rhannu Swydd (Deputy Director, EET - Energy Directorate - Decarbonisation & Energy); [WG official 10]; [WG official 7]; Claire Bennett (Director, LGHCCRA - Climate Change and Env Sustainability)

Cc: [WG official 6]; [WG official 8]

Subject: RE: DC/HIDCC/00008/25 Due: 12pm 13/01/2025 Diary Briefing request Meeting w/ CEO of Climate Change Committee

Thanks Naomi – I'll follow up with you and Forestry colleagues on the workshop/deep dive question.

[WG official 1]

From: Naomi Matthiessen (Deputy Director, LGHCCRA - Climate Change and Env Sustainability - Landscapes, Nature & Forestry)

Sent: 16 January 2025 10:01

To: [WG official 2]; Elen Shepard & Bekah Cioffi Jobshare/Rhannu Swydd (Deputy Director, EET - Energy Directorate - Decarbonisation & Energy); [WG official 10]; [WG official 7]; Claire Bennett (Director, LGHCCRA - Climate Change and Env Sustainability)

Cc: [WG official 1]; [WG official 6]; [WG official 8]

Subject: RE: DC/HIDCC/00008/25 Due: 12pm 13/01/2025 Diary Briefing request Meeting w/ CEO of Climate Change Committee

Hi all,

Thanks for sharing the meeting notes & actions. I agree with [WG official 2]'s assessment below regarding the link between tree planting and aviation. If nature based GGRs are included in the ETS it could provide an useful additional private source of funding for tree planting. It's not without issues, but overall I think it would be positive – we just have to make sure it's done in the right way. I think there is concern from some quarters that it would give the aviation sector a route to avoid decarbonisation, but I think that's highly unlikely give the amount of tree planting related GGRs that would likely actually become available.

Would be good to know what plans there are to follow-up on the action about a potential deep dive on the role of tree planting in decarbonisation.

Thanks
Naomi

From: [WG official 2]

Sent: 14 January 2025 17:13

To: Elen Shepard & Bekah Cioffi Jobshare/Rhannu Swydd (Deputy Director, EET - Energy Directorate - Decarbonisation & Energy); [WG official 10]; [WG official 7]; Claire Bennett (Director, LGHCCRA - Climate Change and Env Sustainability)

Cc: Naomi Matthiessen (Deputy Director, LGHCCRA - Climate Change and Env Sustainability - Landscapes, Nature & Forestry); [WG official 1]; [WG official 6]; [WG official 8]

Subject: RE: DC/HIDCC/00008/25 Due: 12pm 13/01/2025 Diary Briefing request Meeting w/ CEO of Climate Change Committee

Hi Bekah,

The link between aviation and tree-planting is probably the UK ETS and CORSIA. Aviation emissions as a percentage of our overall emissions will increase over time. It's a hard to abate sector. To give you an idea, if we wanted to replace all aviation fuel used globally in 2025 with synthetic aviation fuel, we would need 150Mt of green hydrogen and 700Mt of CO₂ (from direct air capture), all of which would require around 10,000TWh of green power (equivalent to all current renewable output on the planet), at a cost of around \$130bn.

So, we haven't got the direct air capture, the hydrogen production or even the energy generation yet. So, for the next decade or so, aviation operators are going to look to nature based GGRs, including trees to reduce the impact of their operations. Anything above the 2019 baseline will be covered by CORSIA. The rest is covered through the UK ETS, which may include GGRs in the coming years.

[WG official 2]

From: Elen Shepard & Bekah Cioffi Jobshare/Rhannu Swydd (Deputy Director, EET - Energy Directorate - Decarbonisation & Energy)

Sent: 14 January 2025 16:37

To: [WG official 10]; [WG official 7]; Claire Bennett (Director, LGHCCRA - Climate Change and Env Sustainability)

Cc: [WG official 2]; [WG official 1]; Naomi Matthiessen (Deputy Director, LGHCCRA - Climate Change and Env Sustainability - Landscapes, Nature & Forestry); [WG official 6]; [WG official 8]

Subject: RE: DC/HIDCC/00008/25 Due: 12pm 13/01/2025 Diary Briefing request Meeting w/ CEO of Climate Change Committee

Prynhawn da [WG official 10],

Diolch yn fawr for the read out attached. I'm glad to hear it went well, am curious to learn more about the link between aviation advice and tree planting targets, and have copied Naomi in for information.

Diolch yn fawr,
Bekah

From: [WG official 10]

Sent: 14 January 2025 16:16

To: [WG official 7]; [DFM's Diary Secretary mailbox]; [DFM's Private Secretary mailbox]; Claire Bennett (Director, LGHCCRA - Climate Change and Env Sustainability)

Cc: Elen Shepard & Bekah Cioffi Jobshare/Rhannu Swydd (Deputy Director, EET -

Energy Directorate - Decarbonisation & Energy); [WG official 2]; [WG official 1]; [WG official 6]; [WG official 8]

Subject: RE: DC/HIDCC/00008/25 Due: 12pm 13/01/2025 Diary Briefing request Meeting w/ CEO of Climate Change Committee

Prynhawn da,

Please find attached the note from this morning's meeting between the Deputy First Minister and Emma Pinchbeck, CEO of the Climate Change Committee. **[Note – this is Doc 9]**.

Please note that officials are taking forward the actions from the meeting. We would like to share the note with CCC officials, if possible – please let us know if the Deputy First Minister has any objections to this.

Many thanks,
[WG official 10]

Doc 11 – 2025.01.16 – Email to CCC (with note of DFM-CEO meeting)

From: [WG official 1]

Sent: 16 January 2025 16:58

To: [CCC Private Office]

Cc: [WG official 10]; [CCC official 5]; [WG official 7]

Subject: Note of Tuesday's call

Hi [CCC official 4],

For reference, please see the attached note of Tuesday's call between Emma and the Deputy First Minister. **[Note – this is Doc 9].**

We'll take forward the actions over the next few weeks.

Diolch,
[WG official 1].

Doc 12 – 2025.02.11 – Internal email

From: [WG official 7]

Sent: 11 February 2025 15:37

To: [WG official 11]; [WG official 6]; [WG official 8]

Cc: Naomi Matthiessen (Deputy Director, LGHCCRA - Climate Change and Env Sustainability - Landscapes, Nature & Forestry); [WG official 10]; [WG official 1]

Subject: Re: Follow-Up: Preparing for CCC Call on Upcoming Advice (CB4)

Afternoon All,

I hope you're all well. I'm just following up on the email below and our discussion from a few weeks ago regarding your intended points for the CCC. We had agreed that you would get back to us with a list of questions and any supporting evidence you'd like to present.

As the initial deadline of 7th February has passed, I wanted to check if you still wish for us to arrange this call or if you require more time to prepare your materials. If the call is no longer needed, just let me know.

Thanks, and I look forward to your update.
[WG official 7]

From: [WG official 7]

Sent: 24 January 2025 14:04

To: [WG official 11]; [WG official 6]; [WG official 8]

Cc: Naomi Matthiessen (Deputy Director, LGHCCRA - Climate Change and Env Sustainability - Landscapes, Nature & Forestry); [WG official 10]; [WG official 1]

Subject: Follow-Up: Preparing for CCC Call on Upcoming Advice (CB4)

Afternoon All,

Thank you for meeting with us this afternoon to discuss what we want to achieve from the call with the CCC ahead of their upcoming advice.

As discussed, the CCC advised that a detailed 'deep dive' this close to publication isn't feasible due to their limited capacity for additional technical work before June. However, they are happy to meet with us to discuss framing the advice and tailoring the language, considering the sensitivities around this topic.

Key Issues Identified During the Call:

1. Tree Planting Target in CB4 advice:

- Getting an early steer from the CCC on what the tree planting target in their CB4 advice might be, as well as understanding their underlying assumptions and baseline evidence for this.

2. CB3 Pathway Development:

- Exploring how Welsh Government can meet its CB3 target through collaborative working at director/Ministerial level, recognising the challenges across all sectors.

Focus for the Upcoming Call:

To keep the upcoming call with the CCC focused, I propose we concentrate on the **CB4 advice only**.

To prepare for this, it would be helpful to have the following in advance from you:

- **Meeting Notes:** The note from the previous meeting with [CCC official 2], as it can serve as a starting point for this discussion.
- **Questions for the CCC:** A list of specific questions you would like to raise, e.g., what baseline they have used, assumptions they have made.
- **Supporting Evidence:** Evidence we can share with the CCC to support our questions, e.g., the proportion of land actually available for tree planting that isn't already allocated to biodiversity or habitat restoration.

Once we have this information, [WG official 1] and I can share it with the CCC ahead of the meeting. This will ensure they come prepared with answers and have the right people on the call. This approach should help us have a more productive discussion.

- **Scotland Discussion Outcome:** [WG official 6], please share the outcome of your discussion with Scotland once you have it.

Next Steps:

- After this initial call, we can potentially explore working with the CCC later in the year on addressing tree planting targets. At that stage, we can start thinking about how CB3 will influence CB4. For now, it's important to keep these points separate. As noted, we can't revise the 2020 advice at this stage, so the focus should remain on this year's advice.
- The **CB3 pathway development work** is being undertaken **in-house for now**, so there is no immediate need to include the CCC in those discussions.

Timeline:

Could you please have the above notes, questions, and evidence prepared by **7th February**? This will allow us to schedule the call with CCC colleagues for the **latter half of February**. Is two weeks sufficient for this?

Please feel free to add anything I may have missed. Let me know if there are any concerns with the timeline

Thanks

[WG official 7]

Doc 13 – 2025.02.11 – Email to CCC

From: [WG official 8]
Sent: 11 February 2025 21:23
To: [CCC official 3]
Subject: RE: Wales planting targets - reference request

[CCC official 3]

[low-carbon-delivery-plan_1.pdf](#)

This is another published reference point. See proposal 19 p. 129.

[WG official 8]

From: [WG official 8]
Sent: 10 February 2025 13:53
To: [CCC official 3]
Subject: RE: Wales planting targets - reference request

Hi [CCC official 3]

Happy to have a word about this if you would like to. The Woodland for Wales Strategy is the best reference point I think:

<https://www.gov.wales/woodlands-wales-strategy>

[WG official 8].

From: [CCC official 3]
Sent: 10 February 2025 12:46
To: [WG official 4]; [WG official 8]
Subject: Re: Wales planting targets - reference request

Thanks [WG official 4]! Hi [WG official 8],

I'm looking for the best reference to cite when discussing current tree planting ambition in Wales. If you could point me to the correct source, I'd be very grateful.

Best wishes
[CCC official 3]

From: [WG official 4]
Sent: 10 February 2025 12:32
To: [CCC official 3]; [WG official 8]
Subject: RE: Wales planting targets - reference request

Hi [CCC official 3]

All is good with me, I hope with you as well.

[WG official 8] Head of Trees & Climate Change is best placed to help you with our tree planning targets.

All the best

From: [CCC official 3]

Sent: 10 February 2025 11:58

To: [WG official 4]

Subject: Wales planting targets - reference request

Hi [WG official 4],

Hope all is well with you!

I'm hoping you can help me find a correct reference for the Welsh Government tree planting ambition. The most recent one I have is from the Trees and timber deep dive, referenced below in the [Biodiversity](#) briefing.

However, these already ambitious **planting targets were superseded in 2021** following the **Trees and Timber Deep dive** (more on this later). The target now is to plant 43,000 ha of new trees by 2030 (almost 5,000 ha per year), rising to 180,000 ha by 2050 (over 6,000 ha per year). A number of other **recommendations** came out of the deep dive, to help meet the aims of the Woodlands for Wales strategy.

This is just to set context in our up-and-coming emission reduction advice. I'd be very grateful if you could point me to the original announcement for this.

Best wishes
[CCC official 3]

Doc 14 – 2025.02.21 – Internal email

From: [WG official 1]

Sent: 21 February 2025 12:29

To: [DFM's Diary Secretary mailbox]; [WG official 7]

Cc: [WG official 10]

Subject: RE: Invitation to the launch of the CCC's Seventh Carbon Budget advice

Hi [WG official 12],

Please see a couple of suggested questions and background below, noting again that we haven't seen the advice yet so can't be more specific.

Please can you let us know of any actions or DFM feedback after the call? It seems to be a one-to-one call with Emma, with no officials involved.

Diolch,
[WG official 1].

Suggested questions to ask Emma Pinchbeck

- What are the main changes from the CCC's advice in 2020?
- What assumptions has the CCC made about tree planting rates in Wales between now and 2050?

Background

Every five years the Climate Change Committee (CCC) publishes advice on the level of UK carbon budgets, which cover all territorial emissions across the UK. This year's advice covers the period to UK Carbon Budget 7 (2038-42). The UK-wide advice and analysis underpins the CCC's advice to devolved governments. **The CCC will publish its Wales advice on 14 May.** This will include recommendations on the level of Wales Carbon Budget 4 (2031-35) and the level of international offsets allowed during Carbon Budget 3 (2026-30).

The CCC has engaged closely with officials through a series of information sessions last year and regular calls between their analysts and the Welsh Government Decarbonisation Team. Officials highlighted issues with the CCC's power sector analysis in their 2020 advice, which has led to a new approach that should generate more robust projections for Wales emissions.

The UK Government is required to take the CCC's advice into account when setting UKCB7, which must happen before 30 June 2026. The Secretary of State is required to consult with the devolved governments on the level of this target. Once UKCB7 is adopted, the UK Government will need to publish a strategy extending to 2042, likely in the second half of 2026. Before then, as a result of a High Court ruling, the UK Government is required to release a revised net zero strategy this spring (before 2 May), covering emissions up to the end of UKCB6 in 2037.

We understand that Emma Pinchbeck briefed the Secretary of State and Minister McCarthy on Tuesday 18 February.

Wider CCC context

Officials have been progressing the actions arising from **your call with Emma Pinchbeck (CCC CEO) on 14 January**. Emma and Interim Chair Prof Piers Forster will attend the Welsh Government Climate Change Portfolio Board on 14 May to present the CCC's Wales advice. Officials are also exploring further CCC engagement following the Board meeting. In relation to tree planting targets, Forestry officials are defining their ask of the CCC before arranging a meeting with CCC analysts.

From: [DFM's Diary Secretary mailbox]

Sent: 21 February 2025 12:11

To: [WG official 1]; [WG official 7]

Cc: [WG official 10]

Subject: RE: Invitation to the launch of the CCC's Seventh Carbon Budget advice

Hi [WG official 1],

Do you have any updates on this please? 😊

Many thanks,
[WG official 12]

From: [WG official 1]

Sent: 20 February 2025 15:48

To: [DFM's Diary Secretary mailbox]; [WG official 7]

Cc: [WG official 10]

Subject: RE: Invitation to the launch of the CCC's Seventh Carbon Budget advice

Hi [WG official 12],

We've not been sighted on the report content at all so there are no lines we can provide in response. We're expecting an embargoed copy on Monday.

However, we've been preparing the background for Wednesday's launch event DC so I think we could share that one-pager for the DFM tomorrow. I'll speak to [WG official 10] in the morning to confirm.

Thanks,
[WG official 1].

From: [DFM's Diary Secretary mailbox]

Sent: 20 February 2025 15:41

To: [WG official 1]; [WG official 7]

Cc: [DFM's Diary Secretary mailbox]

Subject: FW: Invitation to the launch of the CCC's Seventh Carbon Budget advice

Hi both,

Is there any particular briefing the DFM needs for this please? 😊

Many thanks,
[WG official 12]

From: [DFM's Diary Secretary mailbox]
Sent: 20 February 2025 15:40
To: [CCC Private Office]; [WG official 7]
Cc: [WG official 1]; [DFM's Private Secretary mailbox]
Subject: RE: Invitation to the launch of the CCC's Seventh Carbon Budget advice

Hi [CCC official 4],

No worries at all 😊

Could we go with 17:00-17:30 tomorrow please?

Many thanks,
[WG official 12]

From: [CCC Private Office]
Sent: 20 February 2025 15:26
To: [DFM's Diary Secretary mailbox]; [WG official 7]
Cc: [WG official 1]; [DFM's Private Secretary mailbox]
Subject: RE: Invitation to the launch of the CCC's Seventh Carbon Budget advice

Hi [WG official 12]

Apologies I missed your email. I'm back from a couple of days leave and still trawling through emails.

Emma [Pinchbeck, the CCC's CEO] has the following availability tomorrow:

15:30 – 16:00
16:00 – 16:30
17:00 – 17:30

Best wishes
[CCC official 4]

From: [DFM's Diary Secretary mailbox]
Sent: 20 February 2025 15:09
To: [WG official 7]; [CCC Private Office]
Cc: [WG official 1]; [DFM's Diary Secretary mailbox]; [DFM's Private Secretary mailbox]
Subject: RE: Invitation to the launch of the CCC's Seventh Carbon Budget advice
Importance: High

Hi [CCC official 4],

I responded earlier on in the week asking for alternative times for this private briefing.

Do you have any other times available tomorrow please? This is a constituency day for the Deputy FM but I know that he is super keen to have a discussion with Emma and will try and be as accomodating as he can.

Many thanks,
[WG official 12]

From: [WG official 7]
Sent: 20 February 2025 14:58
To: [CCC Private Office]; [DFM's Private Secretary mailbox]
Cc: [WG official 1]; [DFM's Diary Secretary mailbox]
Subject: RE: Invitation to the launch of the CCC's Seventh Carbon Budget advice

No problem, I didn't think you'd be able to but thought it was worth asking. The below list is helpful though, will add this to his briefing.

I'll drop [WG official 26] a message now to see if he can get in touch with you directly – I've copied this email to the PS mailbox to he's aware.

Thanks
[WG official 7]

From: [CCC Private Office]
Sent: 20 February 2025 13:49
To: [WG official 7]
Cc: [WG official 1]
Subject: RE: Invitation to the launch of the CCC's Seventh Carbon Budget advice

Hi [WG official 7]

Sorry, I'm unable to give you the guest list, however what I can say is that those invited are Chairs/CEOs from the types of organisations listed below, plus a selection of MPs and members of the House of Lords.

Environment NGOs
Energy organisations/associations
Renewable organisations/associations
Trade bodies
Trade Unions
Financial organisations
Influences in the climate space

A favour – could you please give me a name and number of someone in the DFM's Private Office? Emma would like a quick call with him today or tomorrow to brief him on CB7 before next week.

Best wishes
[CCC official 4]

From: [WG official 7]
Sent: 18 February 2025 10:06
To: [CCC Private Office]
Cc: [WG official 1]
Subject: RE: Invitation to the launch of the CCC's Seventh Carbon Budget advice

Morning [CCC official 4],

I hope you're doing well.

I'm currently preparing advice for the Deputy First Minister ahead of his attendance at the CCC UKCB7 advice launch next week. Would it be possible to share a copy of the attendance list with us? I completely understand if this isn't possible due to data protection reasons, but if there are any key contacts being flagged for the Chair and CEO at the event, it would be helpful for us to provide those names to the Minister. This would ensure he's aware of who will be attending and who he may wish to engage with informally.

I'd really appreciate any details you're able to share. Thanks in advance!
[WG official 7]

From: [WG official 1]
Sent: 31 January 2025 10:20
To: [CCC Private Office]
Cc: [WG official 7]
Subject: RE: Invitation to the launch of the CCC's Seventh Carbon Budget advice

Hi [CC official 4],

Thanks for this invitation – we're seeking a decision from the DFM on his attendance and will register via the website if he can attend.

As the invitation is for the DFM, please can you confirm whether a supporting official would be able to register alongside the DFM, if he decides to attend?

Thanks,
[WG official 1].

From: [CCC Private Office]
Sent: 24 January 2025 10:41
To: [DFM's Diary Secretary mailbox]
Subject: Invitation to the launch of the CCC's Seventh Carbon Budget advice
Dear Deputy First Minister

Please join the Climate Change Committee at the official launch of the UK's Seventh Carbon Budget advice. The event will take place at 16:45 in central London on 26 February 2025. Please [register as soon as possible](#) as we are expecting significant demand for places.

The Seventh Carbon Budget

On 26 February 2025 the Climate Change Committee will lay before Parliament our Seventh Carbon Budget advice. This recommends the level of greenhouse gas emissions for the period of 2038 to 2042, and how to feasibly achieve this in the most cost efficient way.

The lecture

Please join the Climate Change Committee for a lecture on the advice, the pathway through already-legislated budgets, and options for delivery. We will detail the policy and technology choices we have considered. We will also provide an opportunity for questions and discussion.

The event will take place on 26 February, at 16:45 at a location in central London. To confirm your place, please click on the 'Request to Join' button and fill out the relevant details. You will then be sent an email once your place has been confirmed.

Please note, this invitation is strictly for the named recipient and is not transferable. Space is limited so please keep this invitation confidential.

After party

Following our event, please join us for the after party hosted and organised by POLITICO. Please [register separately here](#).

Best wishes

Private Office

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