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| **TITLE**  | **Leading the Commitment to Examine the Impact on Society and Sectors of Net Zero by 2035** |
| **DATE**  | **04 August 2022** |
| **BY** | **Julie James, Minister for Climate Change** |

The Welsh Government and Plaid Cymru Cooperation Agreement committed to “commission independent advice to examine potential pathways to net zero by 2035 – the current target date is 2050. This will look at the impact on society and sectors of our economy and how any adverse effects may be mitigated, including how the costs and benefits are shared fairly”.

Fulfilling this commitment will require analysis of research and data, involvement of a wide range of stakeholders and a strong leadership.

The approach to fulfilling the commitment is still being developed, but I am able to inform the Senedd, Jane Davidson has kindly agreed to chair the work. As Members will know, Jane comes with enormous experience, expertise and the ability to bring together people to challenge the status quo. I am thankful to Jane for agreeing to chair this work.

This statement is being issued during recess in order to keep members informed. Should members wish me to make a further statement or to answer questions on this when the Senedd returns I would be happy to do so.