**Template for written evidence – Decarbonising the public sector:**

**Background**

**Purpose of the consultation**

The [Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee](https://senedd.wales/committee/741) is undertaking a short piece of work on decarbonising the public sector. The Committee’s work follows the Audit Wales’ report, [Public Sector Readiness for Net Zero Carbon by 2030](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.audit.wales%2Fpublication%2Fpublic-sector-readiness-net-zero-carbon-2030&data=05%7C01%7CAndrea.Storer%40senedd.wales%7Cbff04389c2a34201dba608dab03803b3%7C38dc5129340c45148a044e8ef2771564%7C0%7C0%7C638016051862781179%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=9YhFNAGUVMZvDS7lazfLZf8enXVj5oSdMSFcr5PZuOs%3D&reserved=0) (July 2022), which found there is clear uncertainty about whether the ambition for public bodies to meet net zero by 2030 will be met. The report makes five ‘calls to action’ for public bodies to tackle common barriers to progress:

Strengthen leadership and demonstrate collective responsibility through effective collaboration.

* Clarify strategic direction and increase pace of implementation.
* Get to grips with the finances needed.
* Know skills gaps and increase capacity.
* Improve data quality and monitoring to support decision making.

The closing date for submissions is **9 November 2022.**

**Providing Written Evidence**

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This template is available for you to draft your responses should you wish to think on your answers prior to submitting your response. All responses should be submitted via the [online consultation form](https://senedd.wales/committees/climate-change-environment-and-infrastructure-committee/consultation-decarbonising-the-public-sector/) and not be submitted via email.**Your opinion**

**Building on Audit Wales’ work**, the Committee would welcome your views on any or all of the following:

Some helpful things to be aware of before you start answering the consultation questions:

You do not need to answer every question, only those on which you wish to share information or have a view.

If you provide any information that you feel is not suitable for public disclosure, please indicate which parts should not be published and give your reasons for this.

**1. What are your views on the role of the Welsh Government in supporting public bodies to deliver on the five ‘calls for action’ identified in the** [**Audit Wales’ report**](https://www.audit.wales/sites/default/files/publications/Public_Sector_Readiness_for_Net_Zero_Carbon_by_2030.pdf)**?**

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**2. What are your views on the Welsh Government’s** [**Net zero carbon status by 2030: A route map for decarbonisation across the Welsh public sector**](https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2021-07/a-route-map-for-decarbonisation-across-the-welsh-public-sector.pdf) **as a means of providing strategic direction to public bodies?**

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**3.** **What are your views on the progress made by public bodies in the priority areas for action set out in the route map - Sustainable procurement; Net zero buildings; Mobility and transport, and Land use:**

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**4. What are your views on the support provided by the Welsh Government to deliver progress in the priority areas, including any gaps?**

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**5. Do you have any other points you wish to raise within the scope of this inquiry?**

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