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| **TITLE** | **New expert group to review implications for Wales of Hinkley Point C nuclear plant** |
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| **BY** | **Mark Drakeford MS, First Minister** |

In February, I announced plans to set up an expert panel to review the implications for Wales of the development of the new Hinkley Point C power plant.

The Hinkley Point C stakeholder reference group will be chaired by Jane Davidson, the vice chancellor emeritus of the University of Wales Trinity St David and will provide an independent view on a wide range of matters arising from the Hinkley development to support Ministers in safeguarding all aspects of wellbeing in Wales.

Membership of the group includes:

* Professor Roger Falconer, emeritus professor, School of Engineering Cardiff University
* Dr Rhoda Ballinger, reader, School of Earth and Ocean Sciences, Cardiff University
* Dr Justin Gwynn, chair of the OSPAR Committee on Radioactive Substances
* Dr Huw Brunt, Public Health Wales
* Rachel Sharp, chief executive of Wildlife Trusts Wales
* Dr James Robinson, Director of Conservation, WWT

The group will provide expertise and knowledge in a number of environmental areas including environment and ecology with expertise in a Severn Estuary context; hydro and civil engineering and water environmental assessments in a Severn Estuary context and economy and socioeconomics in a South East Wales/South West England context. It will also provide expertise in public health, nuclear and large-scale energy production and regulatory sectors and processes.

The group will be expected to routinely draw on expertise where relevant to the matters under consideration.

It will meet to undertake its first work session on 20 July.