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Dear Minister,

As you know, the Committee is currently undertaking an inquiry into decarbonising privately-owned homes in Wales. Although the inquiry is still at an early stage, one of the emerging issues in evidence is the need (or otherwise) for a national strategy for decarbonising housing.

We are aware from your recent response to the Equality and Social Justice Committee's report, Fuel poverty and the Warm Homes Programme, that you are "developing a comprehensive strategy and delivery plan [for decarbonisation] that incorporates work across housing tenures."

During yesterday's meeting, we took evidence from a range of witnesses to inform our inquiry, including those working closely with the Welsh Government in this area of policy. We asked them about their involvement in the development of the strategy and delivery plan to date. They told us they were not aware of the Welsh Government's plans to develop either of these.

The Committee would welcome further information from you on the strategy and delivery plan. In particular, we would like you to address the following questions.

- 1. What stage are you at in the development of the strategy and plan?
- 2. Which organisations have been involved in the development of the strategy and plan to date?
- 3. Will you be consulting on the strategy and delivery plan before they are finalised?
- 4. What timetable you are working towards for the publication of the final strategy and plan?

We intend to use part of our next Ministerial scrutiny session, scheduled for 24 November 2022, to question you on the issues emerging from our inquiry.



I look forward to receiving a response from you as soon as possible and by 4 November 2022 at the latest.

Yours sincerely,



Llyr Gruffydd MS, Chair, Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.