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Dear Llyr,

This letter is to inform you that I have published a <u>Draft Strategy for Public Engagement & Action on Climate Change (2022-2026)</u>. This strategy will be subject to an 8 week consultation from 20 October to 14 December and will be central to <u>Wales Climate Week</u> taking place from 21-25 November. I expect to publish the final version of the strategy in the new year.

The draft strategy contributes to fulfilling the commitment in Net Zero Wales (Policy 16) to consult on a Public Behaviour Change Strategy. Effective public engagement drives our people-centred approach to the climate emergency and my intent is to encourage active participation and action on climate change from the people and communities of Wales.

Although the development of the *Draft Strategy for Public Engagement & Action on Climate Change (2022-2026)* has been driven by the commitment in Net Zero Wales to engage society in action to decarbonise, it also sets out the importance of building greater public awareness around the need to adapt our homes and communities to the unavoidable impacts of climate change.

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## The scope of the Strategy also covers:

- the important inter-relationship between the climate and nature emergencies;
- the twin-challenge of tackling the energy crisis and climate change; and
- the importance of social justice in the way our approach to the climate emergency is delivered.

Yours sincerely,

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