

Julie James MS
Minister for Climate Change

July 5th 2023.

Dear Julie,

The Warm Homes Programme Policy Statement and Lessons Learnt

Thank you for your letter regarding the Warm Homes Programme (WHP) which we noted on 26 June 2023. While we broadly welcome your announcement on June 20th, our ability to hold the government to account is being impeded by a lack of detail and clarity regarding timescales for transitioning to the successor scheme. We would be grateful for the following information:

- A timeline of dates for the key milestones that you are working towards with regards to procuring the new demand-led scheme. In particular we would appreciate clarity regarding the target dates for the stages of the procurement: going out to tender; tender evaluation and selection of preferred bidder; contract award; and implementation.
- With regards to a replacement area-based scheme, please set a timeline of dates for the key milestones you are working towards. In particular we would welcome clarity regarding the target dates for: publication of the policy statement for part 2; going out to tender; tender evaluation and selection of preferred bidder; contract award; and implementation.
- Advice for households this winter: what action are you taking to promote free energy saving advice to households over the summer and into the challenging winter 2023-24? Please provide details of any public, private or third sector organisations that you are partnering with to ensure a consistent message reaches as many households as possible.
- What progress is being made to get Ofgem to introduce a social tariff for energy and when can we expect vulnerable households to benefit?

We fully appreciate the need to get the successor scheme right. However, the lack of urgency in transitioning to a successor scheme has been frustrating, set against the backdrop of spiralling energy costs. We therefore hope that you can provide us with the clarity and certainty that we are seeking around the timescales for the next steps.

I am copying this letter to the Minister for Social Justice, Jane Hutt MS.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jenny Rathbone". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and 'R'.

Jenny Rathbone MS

Chair of Equality and Social Justice Committee

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