

Lesley Griffiths AM
Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs
Welsh Government

8 October 2018

Dear Lesley,

Carbon budgets and the decarbonisation programme

Thank you for your letter dated 7 September 2018 about the Welsh Government's proposals for Assembly consideration of the Low Carbon Delivery Plan and the associated draft carbon budgeting regulations. The Committee welcomes your invitation to participate in the development of the Delivery Plan.

You will be aware that, under the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009, equivalent Delivery Plans are subject to a more rigorous scrutiny procedure and must be laid before the Parliament in draft for a period of 60 days before being finalised. We appreciate that you are under no statutory obligation to publish a draft Delivery Plan under equivalent Welsh legislation. However, given its significance, and that it will be the first Delivery Plan of its kind under Part 2 of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016, we would be grateful if you would share with us a draft of the Delivery Plan at the earliest possible stage.

We understand that the Delivery Plan will be informed by responses to your recent consultation, *Achieving our low Carbon Pathway by 2030*. Many of the stakeholders whom the Committee would wish to hear from are likely to have responded to your recent consultation. As such, it would be most helpful if you would consider sharing any responses with us (subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act) in order to inform our work.



Finally, in order to ensure the Committee can feed in to the development of the Delivery Plan in good time, I would be grateful if you would set out in detail the timetable for finalising the Delivery Plan before its proposed publication in March 2019.

It would be helpful if you could inform us of your decisions in relation to these requests as soon as possible and, if you are minded to share the consultation responses with the Committee, to do so by 19 October to enable the Committee to undertake its work in good time.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Hedges". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

Mike Hedges AM

Chair of Climate Change, Rural Affairs and Environment Committee

