Local Government and Communities Committee

The Draft Climate Change Plan (RPP3)

Submission from Aberdeenshire Council

The Committees are particularly interested in the following questions as they relate to their specific remits —

- **progress to date in cutting emissions within the sector/sectors of interest and implementing the proposals and policies set out in the RPP2**;

Commendable real achievements made in reducing CO2 emissions within Scotland, as promoted and assisted through various UK financial initiatives and incentives, such as FITs, RHIs, ROCs etc.... however change in measurement is required as currently all CO2 factors, are UK wide, not Scottish specific.

- **the scale of reductions proposed within their sector/s and appropriateness and effectiveness of the proposals and policies within the draft RPP3 for meeting the annual emissions targets and contributing towards the 2020 and 2050 targets**;

Scale appears appropriate – until reliance on the success of CCS to promote negative emissions, concerning as a relatively new emerging technology.

- **the appropriateness of the timescales over which the proposals and policies within the draft RPP3 are expected to take effect**

As above.

- **the extent to which the proposals and policies reflect considerations about behaviour change and opportunities to secure wider benefits (e.g. environmental, financial and health) from specific interventions in particular sectors.**

Does not address the financial gap between cost of Electricity & Fossil Fuel energy supplies.

CO2 free may well be achievable by decarbonising Electricity through the increased installation and use of renewable energy – however bridging the financial differential between fuels is not addressed and will be a significant limiting and restricting factor to adoption and take up of technological solutions to reduce CO2 emissions across Scotland.

Consideration is given to Behavioural Change, but is limited in terms of solutions of how this can and will be addressed successfully. Empowering and incentivising all to reduce Energy Consumption – regardless of fuel type is challenging – how to do this successfully and persistently does not appear to be fully addressed when considering the general public at large....
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