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Conversation Toolkit

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How to use this Conversation Toolkit

We've set up a website where you, and any groups you work with, can let the Committee know what you think about the draft Climate Change Plan. It is called Your Priorities. The contributions made on the website will be shared with the Net Zero Energy and Transport Committee to help them scrutinise the draft Climate Change Plan.

This toolkit is designed to help you have conversations with groups you work with and then **add them to the discussion website**, which can be accessed via: [Your Priorities](#)

Please note each comment box can take a maximum of 1000 characters, which is around 150 words. However, you can add as many comments as you like.

You can add comments in writing or by uploading an image or a video.

Throughout the toolkit we have highlighted the main parts of the Plan. You can then use the outcomes of your discussions to contribute to the discussion website.

You do not have to look at every part of the Plan – you might only want to discuss one or two areas that are most important to you and the people you work with.

You could choose to focus on particular sectors and then respond to a couple of themes: for example, if you are interested in transport only, you can give comments on support for households and accessibility of language in that particular chapter.

You can look at and comment on as little or as much as you like.

We have also included some information about the Parliament and the Committee which might be helpful to explain to people.

If you wish to send in your suggestions manually please print the relevant pages from this toolkit, fill in your suggestions, and return them to:

PACT, CG:01, The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh EH99 1SP

Or via email: pact@parliament.scot

Name of group:

Postcode:

Introduction

The [draft Climate Change Plan](#) was laid by the Scottish Government on 6 November and now the Parliament would like to ask your views on it.

The Parliament's role is to hold the Scottish Government to account and to gather evidence to help it scrutinise proposed legislation and work related to it. Committee members do this by hearing from experts, organisations, and members of the public. The responsible Committee then writes a report about what it has heard and makes a recommendation to the rest of the Parliament. When they are looking at proposed legislation, the whole Parliament debates and votes on the bill.

[Watch a short video about how the Scottish Parliament makes laws.](#)

The Government is also carrying out [their own consultation separately](#). It is up to you whether you answer one or the other or both.

This video explains the difference between the two orgs:



The Net Zero Energy and Transport Committee

The Committee was established in June 2021 and is made up of 7 Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs) from across the political parties represented in Parliament. More information about the Committee and its members can be found on the [Committee page on the Scottish Parliament website](#). It is this Committee which is leading the scrutiny of the draft Climate Change Plan.

Members of the Committee



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The Climate Change Plan

Overview

The Scottish Government has published a draft of their Climate Change Plan which explains how they intend to meet their emission reduction targets across all portfolio areas and sectors of the economy.

"The CCP is a 15-year plan, covering 2026 to 2040, made to help Scotland reduce the effects of climate change. Scotland has a target to reach net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045. Net zero means finding a balance between emissions released in the air and those we remove from it, for example by trees absorbing greenhouse gases. The goal is to ensure that our planet remains at a comfortable temperature so that all living things, from planets to animals, can grow and survive."

MSPs on the Committee, alongside other Parliamentary Committees, are looking at the details of the proposals and want to know what people think about them.

Understanding your views will help them think about what could improve the Plan, and whether it should be changed.

The Draft Climate Change Plan:

[scotlands-draft-climate-change-plan-20262040.pdf](#)

Children and Young People version:

[Glossary - Scotland's Climate Change Plan – 2026-2040 - Children's version - gov.scot](#)

Easy Read version:

[Working Together - Scotland's Climate Change Plan – 2026-2040 - Easy Read version - gov.scot](#)

The Scottish Parliament Information Centre have created a [hub](#) to share blogs and briefings on the draft Climate Change Plan. The first blog gives background information and an overview of costs and policies: [Scotland's Climate Change Plan 2026-2040: Key Insights and Costs](#)

Structure of the Plan

The Plan is divided into different sections, including details for each of the following sectors (these are found under “sectoral contributions” in the contents below):

- Buildings (Residential and Public)
- Transport
- Waste
- Energy Supply
- Business and Industrial Process
- Agriculture
- Land use, land use change and forestry

The content of the plan is as follows:

- [Ministerial Foreword](#)
- [Introduction](#)
- [Economic Opportunities of a Just Transition to Net Zero](#)
- [Securing a Just Transition](#)
- [The Benefits and Costs of Climate Action](#)
- [Climate and Biodiversity Loss](#)
- [Adaptation: Delivering a Climate-Resilient Future](#)
- [Consumption and Lifestyle](#)
- [Working Internationally](#)
- [Sectoral Contributions](#)
- [Engaging With This Plan](#)
- [Annex 1 – Supporting Content](#)
- [Annex 2 – Sectoral Annexes](#)
- [Annex 3 – Monitoring And Analytical Annex](#)
- [Annex 4 – Responding to this consultation](#)

Key actions in the Plan

Key actions in the plan, as extracted from the children and young people version:

We will support transport services, people, and businesses to reduce their emissions.

We will promote and develop renewable energy, creating jobs and developing skills within the industry.

We will tackle fuel poverty and protect those on low incomes while decarbonising heat in buildings.

We will reverse nature decline and restore biodiversity in Scotland.

The actions in this plan will help us to adapt to the impact of climate change. Recognising that warming trends are already happening due to past global emissions.

We will ensure a fair approach to tackling climate change in Scotland and overseas. Protect and improve the lives of current and future generations.

Sharing your views

The themes we will ask you about

In 2024, we invited a ‘People’s Panel’ (25 people randomly selected from the breadth of Scotland’s demographic) to discuss how they felt the Scottish Government was doing in the development of policy to meet the nation’s net zero ambitions.

We’re going to use four themes identified by the People’s Panel, to find out how you feel about the proposals set out in the draft Plan.

- accessible, relatable climate policy for everyone
- participatory and community-led solutions
- transparency and accountability in climate action
- advice and financial support for households to reach net-zero

What will happen to what you say

Sharing your views will help MSPs understand the key issues surrounding the draft Climate Change Plan:

- staff at the Parliament will analyse how people have rated proposals
- staff at the Parliament will produce a summary of the responses
- MSPs will use the responses to inform their scrutiny of the draft Climate Change Plan

This site opened for submissions on **27 November 2025** and will close for new submissions on **25 January 2026**.

The Committee may use the information they receive to question people and organisations who come to give formal evidence in Parliament in the following weeks, including the Cabinet Secretary.

They will write a report in February and send it to the Government with recommendations.

It is not possible to say whether any changes to the final Climate Change Plan will happen as a result of taking part in these conversations.

Please read our [privacy notice](#) for full details on what happens to your personal information.

If you have any questions about using this platform please email pact@parliament.scot

What the Committee wants to know

Theme 1: Accessible, relatable climate policy

The People's Panel told the Committee that future climate change policies and strategies should be communicated in a way that is “short and simple and understandable” and that communications should be adapted to different groups.

How does the Plan make climate policy accessible and relatable?

The Scottish Government has published an Easy Read and Children’s version of the Plan.

Under law, the Scottish Government must engage the public on what actions they plan to take to meet Scotland’s climate change targets and how the public can help. The Plan:

- says that the Scottish Government’s Public Engagement Strategy for Climate Change is designed to help people understand and contribute to Scotland’s response;
- highlights examples of how the Scottish Government has engaged and communicated with the public, including through its NetZeroNation.scot website;
- says the Scottish Government will develop specific communication and engagement campaigns for reducing car use.

If you agree that the Plan clearly outlines how the Scottish Government will deliver effective public communication on climate action, rate it up (), if you disagree, rate it down ().

Please tell us why you agree or disagree using the comment boxes below.

Please tell us if there are other ways of communicating you would like to see included, or changes you’d like to see included in the final Plan.

Group rating: circle one

(you will only be able to choose one rating per registration so if you're doing it for a group it would be the majority feeling)



Group Comments...

We agree that the Plan clearly outlines how the Scottish Government will deliver effective public communication on climate action because...

We don't agree that the Plan clearly outlines how the Scottish Government will deliver effective public communication on climate action because...

Theme 2: Participatory and community-led solutions

The Committee learned from our People's Panel that there is a strong need to improve local community involvement in climate action.

The Panel suggested this could be achieved by;

- local community climate action that reflects regional differences
- longer-term funding for climate hubs and initiatives
- face-to-face engagement between the Government and communities and
- commercial benefits for local communities.

How does the Plan say it will support participatory and community-led solutions?

The Scottish Government says it ensures the public can participate in shaping the policies that will get us to net zero, through engagement and co-design. This includes:

- engaging with communities across Scotland to get their input on policies that will help Scotland reach its net zero targets through the Climate Change Participation Programme;
- allowing communities to decide how a portion of a public budget is spent in their local area through encouraging Participatory Budgeting;
- support for communities to develop, and benefit from their own energy projects through the Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES).

If you agree that the Plan clearly outlines how the Scottish Government will deliver participatory and community-led solutions to reducing emissions rate it up (👍), if you disagree, rate it down (👎).

Please tell us why you agree or disagree using the comment boxes below.

Please tell us if there are other types of approaches you would like to see included, or changes you'd like to see, that would help the Scottish Government to deliver participatory or community-led solutions.

Group rating: circle one

(you will only be able to choose one rating per registration so if you're doing it for a group it would be the majority feeling)



Group Comments...

We agree that the Plan clearly outlines how the Scottish Government will deliver participatory and community-led solutions to reducing emissions because...

We don't agree that the Plan clearly outlines how the Scottish Government will deliver participatory and community-led solutions to reducing emissions because....

Theme 3: Transparency and accountability in climate action

The People's Panel told the Committee that "an accountable and transparent action plan" and a "centralised climate data gathering process" are needed so that "government and public are able to identify key areas to work on."

The Panel wanted publicly available data to show "progress being made" and "a commitment to a shared responsibility between governments, business and the public."

How does the Plan say it will create transparency and accountability?

The Scottish Government says that engagement and co-design, as well as a monitoring and evaluation framework, are key elements of its approach and that these will ensure public accountability.

For the first time, the Plan includes 'just transition indicators', intended to track progress on whether emissions reductions are being delivered in a fair and just way.

The Scottish Government says that it will continue to report annual emissions data, but because there is a delay in when data becomes available, it will also develop a set of "early-warning indicators" to monitor progress in a timelier way.

If you agree that the Plan clearly outlines how the Scottish Government will deliver transparency and accountability in climate action, rate it up (), if you disagree, rate it down ().

Please tell us why you agree or disagree using the comment boxes below.

Please tell us if there are other approaches you would like to see included, or changes you'd like to see, that could help the Scottish Government deliver transparency and accountability in climate action.

Group rating: circle one

(you will only be able to choose one rating per registration so if you're doing it for a group it would be the majority feeling)



Group Comments...

I (We) agree that the Plan clearly outlines how the Scottish Government will deliver transparency and accountability in climate action because....

I (We) don't agree that the Plan clearly outlines how the Scottish Government will deliver transparency and accountability in climate action because...

Theme 4: Advice and financial support for households to reach net zero

The People's Panel said that the public want "better information, communication and financial support from the Scottish Government" on what households can do to help reach net zero targets.

It also wanted to ensure everyone could access information and financial support for climate action regardless of their background to help them with any costs associated with the transition to net zero.

How does the Plan say the Scottish Government will support households?

The Scottish Government says that it will provide targeted advice and financial support for energy efficiency measures in homes and to help people to switch to electric vehicles. These include:

- providing free advice on energy efficiency, renewable heating and fuel poverty support through Home Energy Scotland (HES).
- loans and grants for the installation of a heat pump as well as funding for energy efficiency measures through the HES Grant and Loan scheme.
- help for those living in fuel poverty, or at risk of fuel poverty, by installing insulation and heating measures into individual properties through the Warmer Homes Scotland scheme.
- continued support for consumers and businesses to transition to electric vehicles - this support currently take the form of interest free loans for consumers to purchase electric vehicles and grants towards the cost of purchasing and installing a home charge point.

If you agree with the types of advice and financial support for household actions to reach climate targets outlined in the Plan, rate it up (👍), if you disagree, rate it down (👎).

Please tell us why you agree or disagree using the comment boxes below.

Please tell us if there is other advice or financial support you would like to see included, or changes you'd like to see, that would help the Scottish Government support households across Scotland to contribute to net-zero targets.

Group rating: circle one

(you will only be able to choose one rating per registration so if you're doing it for a group it would be the majority feeling)



Group Comments...

We agree with the support outlined in the plan because....

We don't agree with the support outlined in the Plan because...

Sending in your views

How to register

The webpage can be found here: <https://engage.parliament.scot/group/31676>

To share your or your group's views on this site, you will need to register to take part by;

- creating a username (you can be anonymous)
- providing your email address and some optional demographic information
- setting your password

Once you have registered, you can rate and comment on the proposals.

The platform is checked regularly to ensure fairness. If users create multiple accounts so they can submit rating for the same item multiple times, the duplicate ratings will be removed.

Contact Us

If you want to get in touch, you can contact the Participation and Communities Team.

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