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Dear Convener

On 27 January I wrote to you confirming that the review into the response to Storm Arwen had been published - www.gov.scot/publications/storm-arwen-review.

As you know, the review involved formal debriefing between Local Resilience Partnerships, the voluntary sector and utilities companies. This identified fifteen recommendations for action on a group of key themes which were published as part of the report.

Since then, you will be aware that the energy regulator Ofgem published its own report into Storm Arwen. As well as this, I had committed to providing an update on progress against the recommendations this month.

The update on progress made can be found at www.gov.scot/publications/storm-arwen-review-recommendations-update-june-2022. You will note that a number of measures have been developed to ensure Scotland is better prepared for severe weather events. For example, the Winter Preparedness Programme is being led by the Scottish Resilience Partnership (SRP) and will test Scotland's response to and recovery from severe weather.

Given these range of ongoing actions, we will continue to work with the sector and provide a further update in October 2022, setting out a clear position against all actions before winter.

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