

# Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

## 10th Meeting, 2021 (session 6), Tuesday, 16 November 2021

### COP26: Outcomes and implications for Scotland's Climate change policies

#### Note by the Clerk

#### Introduction

1. The Committee agreed that the 26<sup>th</sup> UN Convention on Climate Change Conference of the Parties in Glasgow ([COP26](#)), its possible outcomes, and their likely impact on net zero policy in Scotland, should be a focus of early evidence sessions in Session 6.
2. On 16 September, the Committee heard from the Right Honourable Alok Sharma MP, President-Designate of COP26, on the conference's possible outcomes, and their likely impact on net zero policy in Scotland. [The Official report for this meeting can be accessed on the Scottish Parliament's website.](#)
3. COP26 is taking place in Glasgow, starting on 31 October and officially ending on 12 November 2021. The Conference had four overall aims:
  - Secure global net zero by mid-century and keep 1.5 degrees within reach
  - Adapt to protect communities and natural habitats
  - Mobilise finance
  - Work together to deliver

#### Outcomes and *implications for Scotland's Climate change policies*

4. On 26 October, the NZET Committee reviewed its work programme and its evidence-taking so far and agreed to hold a short series of "snapshot" evidence sessions, hearing from experts in the immediate aftermath of COP26.
5. On 16 November 2021, the Committee will take evidence from:
  - Professor Jim Skea, former Chair, [Just Transition Commission](#); and
  - Malini Mehra, Secretariat CEO, Non-Executive Board Member, India, [GLOBE International](#).

## Evidence session and next steps

6. The purpose of this evidence session is to hear expert views on COP26 and explore its broad outcomes (both positive and negative), discussing the main policy outcomes, how these outcomes might be translated to Scotland in particular, and any important takeaways from the conference that the headlines may have missed.
7. A second and concluding evidence session with experts and stakeholders will take place on 23 November 2021. The Committee will take evidence from:
  - Professor Dave Reay, Executive Director, [Edinburgh Climate Change Institute](#);
  - Teresa Anderson Climate Policy Coordinator and coordinator of Climate Action Network (CAN) working group on agriculture, [ActionAid International](#);
  - Mary Church, Head of campaigns, [Friends of the Earth Scotland](#);
  - Jess Pepper, Climate advocate and Community activist; and
  - Other witnesses to be confirmed.