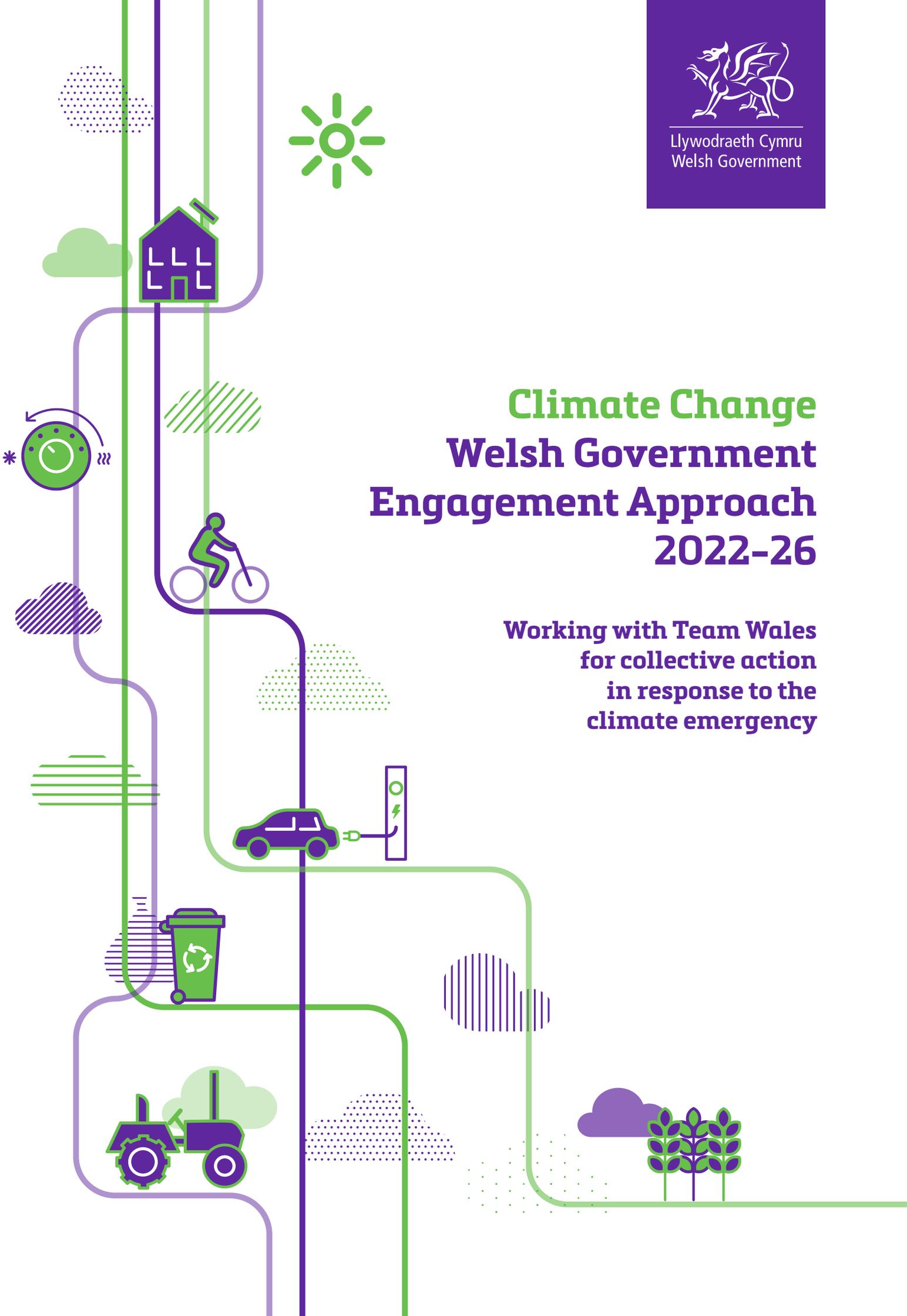




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# Climate Change Welsh Government Engagement Approach 2022-26

Working with Team Wales  
for collective action  
in response to the  
climate emergency



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# Engagement over 2021-2026

## Executive Summary

### Background

Since 2019 we have grown and strengthened our engagement across Wales to build the coalition to tackle the climate emergency. We have built collaborations and partnerships to develop a *Team Wales approach* and also significantly grown involvement across society. Indeed the COVID pandemic did not deter our approach. Our engagement plan published in **July 2020** enabled important engagement to continue despite the pandemic restrictions.

That is why in *Net Zero Wales* we committed to publish a new *Stakeholder Engagement Plan* (Policy 15) in order to grow momentum, stimulate ideas and strengthen collaborations across Wales. We are keen to continue our engagement and learn lessons as to how we work together. Our *Team Wales approach* is crucial where leadership is collective and dispersed. Only through collective action can we ensure that Wales effectively tackles climate change and moves towards a resilient, net zero future.

COP Cymru 2021 marked the beginning of a new phase of engagement. Building on what we have already achieved, we will continue to act in accordance with and apply the ways of working that are the basis of the Well-being of Future Generations Act. We have worked with stakeholders from across Wales to gather their views as to how we work together and we will continue to do so.

### Engagement Approach

Our approach has two key objectives:

- › generate timely and effective engagement of stakeholders on matters of climate change; and
- › strengthen and grow the coalition of *Team Wales* to tackle the climate emergency.

This Engagement Plan covers the period June 2022 to the publication of our next *Net Zero Delivery Plan* by the end of December 2026. It also encompasses the development and publication of our next national climate adaptation plan in 2024. It is set out in detail in **four** Parts.



## **Part A – Our overall approach and the key milestones over the period of this Engagement Plan (2021-26)**

Over the next five years **we will continue to highlight the opportunities to shape Welsh and UK Government policy.** This policy development will happen alongside the delivery of *Net Zero Wales (Carbon Budget 2, 2021-2025)*, our current climate adaptation plan *A Climate Conscious Wales (2019-2024)*, the development of our next decarbonisation plan (due in 2026), our next climate adaptation plan due in 2024, and the setting of Carbon Budget 4 (2031-2035). We will also share learning across Wales through the updating of *Working together to reach Net Zero*, our websites and social media, published documents and through our conferences and meetings.

## **Part B – Team Wales**

The challenge of climate change requires everyone to act. We have set out the actions we will be taking over the period of this plan, and will add further actions as they develop. However, we need everyone to act if we are going to meet our challenging emission reduction targets, build resilience to the impacts of climate change and safeguard our country and our planet for future generations.

Our partners in *Team Wales* play a crucial role and we need to broaden and strengthen this coalition. We will continue our drive for collective action with the **four Calls to Action**

**Call 1 – Engage with Welsh Government**

**Call 2 – Encourage your networks**

**Call 3 – Challenge others**

**Call 4 – Stay informed**

Our **Pledge Campaign** is one of the supporting mechanisms for *Team Wales* to continue to build momentum and encourage leadership at every level. We will look to continually refresh and update pledges and actions from across Wales, showcasing the great examples of distributed leadership and inspiring others to play their part. We will update *Working together to reach Net Zero* with pledges and the cases studies received to share knowledge and stimulate ideas. We also will look to expand this approach to cover climate adaptation and resilience in addition to decarbonisation.

We will also bring *Team Wales* together annually building upon the success of Wales Climate Week and COP Cymru to realise and strengthen ideas and actions needed to tackle climate change.

## **Part C – Describes who we need to work with**

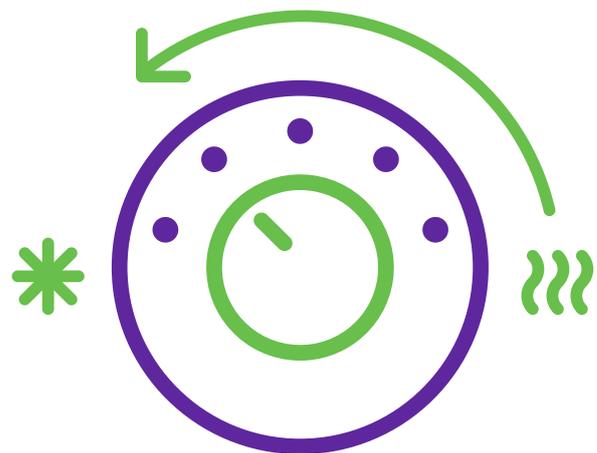
We would like to work with stakeholders from across society and sectors. Everyone has a different role to play in tackling the climate emergency in a fair way. **Part C** captures who these groups are and will be updated regularly.

## Part D – Describes our engagement and communication channels and the current timetable of forthcoming activities

We aim to use a blended approach of both digital and face to face events to engage and communicate with *Team Wales*, learning from our experiences during the Covid19 pandemic. We will use a collection of online resources to facilitate effective involvement and collaboration with colleagues, partner organisations and external stakeholders. We will work with stakeholders to make an informed choice about the right blend of tools to employ in order to support our work, making the best possible use of digital media. We have already identified opportunities for engagement with Government over the period of this Plan. This will be updated on a regular basis.

### Next Steps

This document will be updated as more opportunities for collaboration and involvement become available. Our *Calls to Action* are designed to make sure we hear your feedback and ideas. If you have comments to make about this document, wish to make your own pledge, sign up for our bulletin or have ideas on our next digital Conference please contact us via [ClimateChange@gov.wales](mailto:ClimateChange@gov.wales).



# Part A – Our approach and key milestones

## Engagement with Welsh Government

Our approach to stakeholder engagement and involvement is informed by:

- › the views and representations of stakeholders;
- › reports and actions by our social partners;
- › our previous engagement programmes; and
- › the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 (WBFGA) and in particular the collaboration and involvement principles.

## Well-being of Future Generations Act

The WBFGA requires that we consider the social, cultural, economic and environmental impacts of our decisions, both now and in the long-term. As a result, we must follow the sustainable development principle to ensure the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs<sup>1</sup>. This means, in taking decisions in government, economic growth cannot be seen in isolation or as a primary goal at the expense of other important objectives.

Across the Welsh Government we engage with stakeholders on a broad range of climate change issues and policy in many different ways, depending on the purpose and aims of engagement. The appropriate mechanism might be a stand-alone event, online engagement and focus groups, or consultation documents which invite comment but all involve collaborating with people to make decisions.

We want to strengthen our understanding of how our stakeholders perceive engagement and to make the best use of their limited time. We have already worked with many climate stakeholders to explore the most effective means of engaging with them and we are committed to continuing this work over the period of this plan.

## Key milestones

Over the period of this plan we will continue to highlight the opportunities to shape Welsh and UK Government policy. There are already some key milestones that we know it's crucial for stakeholders involvement. These are set out in broad areas of activity below. The timetable of more detailed activity is set out in **Part D**.

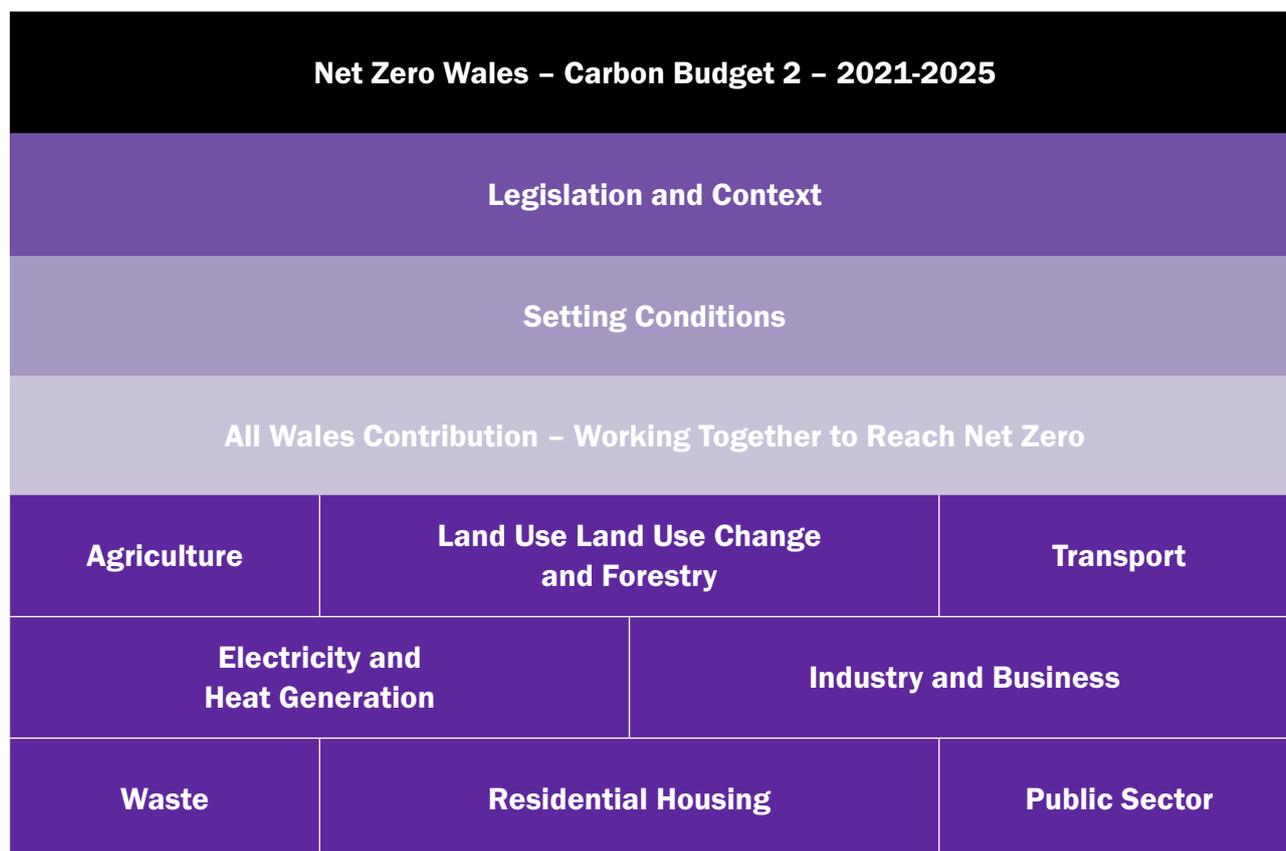
## Net Zero Wales – 2021-2025

Net Zero Wales contains 123 Policies and Proposals for meeting Carbon Budget 2 (Fig 1). Where applicable each proposal and area of development will have its own specific engagement process which will be advertised by [Welsh Government](#). This document will be updated regularly as activity is progressed and additional activity is identified and developed. We will use our communication channels and partnership structures set out in Part D to highlight opportunities to contribute and shape policy.

<sup>1</sup> [www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2015/2/section/5/enacted](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2015/2/section/5/enacted)

A high-level timeline for delivery of some of the most important government activity for delivering of Carbon Budget 2 and setting us on a Pathway to Net Zero by 2050 is set out in Part D of this document.

**Figure 1 – Net Zero Wales and Carbon Budget 2**



**A Climate Conscious Wales – 2019-2024**

The Welsh Government’s current national climate change adaptation plan, *Prosperity for All: A Climate Conscious Wales*, sets out 34 actions and 112 sub-actions for addressing the most urgent areas of risk arising from climate change across policy sectors. Each policy area has its own specific engagement process for addressing these different risks. However, the Welsh Government will also use the communication channels and partnership structures set out in Part D to highlight strategic opportunities to contribute and shape policy.

**Consultation on Behaviour Change Strategy – summer 2022**

[Net Zero Wales](#) calls for collective action in tackling the climate emergency with the scale of the changes required meaning we need to move to facilitating a society-wide transformation. This plan sets out our key asks of the Welsh public under the emission sector chapters alongside actions that will be taken by the public sector and industry and business.

Policy 16 of the plan commits to consulting on a Public Behaviour Change Strategy by summer 2022. The purpose of this Strategy

will be to provide a coherent framework which sets the tone and guiding principles around how (rather than what we will do) to engage society in the actions needed. In shaping the Strategy, we will take a people-centred approach, encouraging active participation from key organisations and networks with a role in engaging and communicating with the public and our communities and behaviour change practitioners, and testing messages and approaches with a broad cross-section of members of the public. This important consultation will provide a stronger basis for understanding motivations, barriers and co-benefits associated with the society-wide transformation required to the way we live our lives.

### **Just transition – autumn 2022**

We need to ensure the transition to a cleaner, fairer future in Wales is carefully managed. The changes driven by the need to decarbonise our economy will have impacts on industries, sectors of the workforce and socio-economic groups in different ways, depending on the pathways, policies and actions we choose. It could help to resolve existing inequalities, but there is a risk it could also exacerbate them. Over the period of Carbon Budget 2 we will work closely with our partners to develop our evidence base and further improve our understanding around the transition. It is essential that we engage a broad range of stakeholders in our approach and we will therefore hold a call for evidence to inform our approach to a Just Transition in autumn 2022.

### **Decarbonisation modelling**

Our evidence base is wide-ranging and supplemented by a range of sources, not least from the work of the Climate Change Committee (CCC). However, we will need to develop and refine further evidence to both develop the strategic pathway to net

zero and the policies required to meet our targets. In constructing our pathway to 2050 we have further developed our Wales 2050 calculator, building on the work undertaken in preparation for our first statutory decarbonisation plan, *Prosperity for All: A Low Carbon Wales*. We will continue to develop our calculator to ensure it remains current to policy developments and emerging evidence. We aim to continue to work with stakeholders in Wales on the development of our evidence base.

### **Setting the level of Carbon Budget 4 – starting in 2024**

As required by the Environment (Wales) Act (2016), our current carbon budgets and targets were set in Regulations in March 2021. They are based on evidence and advice from the CCC, our independent statutory expert advisors. The Committee provides independent scrutiny of our plans to ensure they are credible, with targets clearly linked to actions to deliver them. They also challenge government and others on areas where greater ambition or more rapid progress is needed.

We are required by the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 to set the carbon budget for the third and later budgetary periods at least five years before the start of the period in question. This means our fourth carbon budget (2031-2035) must be set by the end of 2025. We will work with the CCC and stakeholders to ensure early and meaningful engagement in the development of their advice in setting the level of Carbon Budget 4. We anticipate this work to start in 2024. Stakeholders have already helped shape the level of carbon budgets 1, 2 & 3 and targets for 2020, 2030, 2040 and 2050, by submitting comments and evidence to the CCC. The CCC used this feedback to provide recommendations to Welsh Government, before we laid regulations in the Senedd.

### **Development of new policies for inclusion in the next Net Zero Delivery Plan – from 2022**

The level of Carbon Budget 3 was set in Welsh Regulations in March 2021 along with the updated 2050 target and interim targets following advice from the CCC. The target set in law reflects the minimum emissions reduction we must achieve to meet our obligations under the Paris Climate Agreement. Carbon Budget 3 (2026 – 2030) requires an average reduction of 58%, reflecting the huge step change we need to make in the decade of action if our actions are to have time to take effect. We can only achieve this transformation by developing evidence, engaging widely and building consensus on how we want to deliver this in Wales.

Under Section 39 of the Act Welsh Ministers must prepare and publish a report for each budgetary period setting out their policies and proposals for meeting the carbon budget for that period. The next Net Zero Wales delivery plan will set out how Wales aims to meet Carbon Budget 3 through policies and proposals across Ministerial portfolios.

We want stakeholders to have an early and meaningful opportunity to help shape action by engaging with us on the policies that contribute to meeting CB3. This means we want people outside of government to put forward ideas, to constructively challenge proposals (Call to Action 1) and to take responsibility for driving change within their workplaces, sectors and communities (Calls to Action 2 & 3).

A list of forthcoming engagement activities and consultations are at Part D of this document. Each will have their own specific engagement process which will be advertised by [Welsh Government](#). Details on consultations and events will be published as further information becomes available. Our next Net Zero Delivery Plan will be published in 2026.

You can receive updates on all the engagement activity by signing up to Climate Change Bulletin and stakeholder list via [ClimateChange@gov.wales](mailto:ClimateChange@gov.wales) (Call to Action 4).

### **Development of a new national climate change adaptation plan – from 2022**

The proposed publication date for the next national climate adaptation plan for Wales has been brought forward to 2024. It will focus on addressing the updated climate risk evidence provided by the CCC in their third Climate Risk Independent Assessment<sup>2</sup>, and will incorporate an updated approach including:

- › Raising awareness of climate risk and adaptation by integrating messaging and communication into the climate-led behavioural change programme.
- › Developing improved methodologies and metrics for setting adaptation pathways and monitoring progress.
- › Working with the wider public sector to develop a ‘Team Wales’ approach to climate adaptation planning and reporting.

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<sup>2</sup> Ref: [www.ukclimaterisk.org/](http://www.ukclimaterisk.org/)

## Part B – Team Wales approach

The breadth and pace of social and economic changes now required mean that more of us need to take a more active role in contributing to tackling climate change. Collectively we must influence change across the whole economy – a *Team Wales approach* where everyone plays their part.

We see government as having a leading role in enabling and encouraging this kind of involvement. Government consultation and engagement events are an important part of our commitment to this level of involvement and can complement efforts led by business and communities. We hope activities led by this Government can drive new initiatives by others, and vice versa.

### All Wales Action

*Net Zero Wales*, our emissions reduction plan for Carbon Budget 2, has a clear and strong message that an all Wales approach is required in order to meet the net zero target by 2050 and was the start of the *Team Wales approach*. [Working together to reach Net Zero](#) was published alongside *Net Zero Wales*, recognising the crucial role that partners can and must play. The Welsh Government is also proposing to take a similar *Team Wales approach* towards the development and implementation of the next national climate change adaptation plan, due to be published in 2024.

We want contributions from across Wales to help us meet the joint challenges of achieving net zero emissions and building resilience to the impacts of climate change. These should include actions from business, public and third sector organisations, community groups and citizens. Everyone has a role in contributing to meeting our second carbon budget and tackling the climate emergency and in achieving Wales' well-being goals. Our definition of the *Team Wales approach* is explained below.

The ***Team Wales approach*** is where Welsh Government, public bodies, businesses and communities across Wales work together to tackle the shared challenges of the climate and nature emergency

### Four Calls to Action

The challenge of climate change requires everyone to act. We have set out the actions we will be taking over the period of this engagement plan. However, we need everyone to act with us if we are going to meet our challenging emission reduction targets and safeguard our country and the planet for future generations. The collective action we need is underpinned by **four Calls to Action**:





The types of pledges are not restricted and are meant to be a starting point for action. You can make a pledge by following this link [www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/RXOPO/](http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/RXOPO/)

Typical Pledges are things like

Personal	Organisation
Choose to re-use plastics often made from fossil fuels	Commit to net zero and then produce and publish an action plan on how you will get there
Drive less – and take public transport	Encourage low carbon vehicle use, active travel or more remote working within your organisation
Buy local and avoid food waste	Minimise the waste from your products and packaging
Choose products that are deforestation free such as made from recycled materials or raise awareness of the impact of deforestation	Commit to play your part to ensure your operations and supply chains are deforestation-free
Buy clothes that last and invest time to repair them if needed, extending their life	Talk to your supply chain ask the businesses in your supply chain how they are reducing their emissions
Turn off the light when not in use and unplug appliances	Install or procure renewable energy
Join or start a group to help develop community projects to tackle climate change	Educate and engage people on climate change
Get involved in planting trees or wildflowers in your garden or community	Plant trees on your land
Keeping the heat in (insulation, draught proofing, double glazing) and better temperature management	Make your building and/or equipment and vehicles more energy efficient

Existing examples of pledges and case studies demonstrating action are set out in our All Wales Plan – [Working together to reach Net Zero](#).

## Working together to reach Net Zero

[Working together to reach Net Zero](#) is our All Wales Plan, which was published alongside Net Zero Wales in October 2021 and showcased pledges and actions from stakeholders across Wales. We are committed to updating the Plan over the period of Carbon Budget 2 as we receive more pledges and case studies demonstrating action. The first update was made following COP26 and COP Cymru and includes 139 pledges – growing from 114 in the original version – from businesses, the public sector, communities and school pupils, all committing to be part of Wales' greener and fairer future. The pledges are the seeds that will grow into the actions we need to tackle climate change. It also includes 89 case studies providing examples of tackling the climate and nature emergencies.

## Wales Climate Week

**Wales Climate Week** returned from 22-26 November 2021 with a 5 day [programme](#) of virtual events. The week kick-started a nationwide conversation on *tackling the climate emergency* the collective action needed to ensure Wales meets its net zero targets and plays its part internationally. Open to all, the online sessions aimed to help stakeholders, organisations, communities and individuals understand what Wales has already achieved, what changes we can expect in the next five years and how, together, we can shape the future. Over the period of this plan we will continue to host on-going stakeholder engagement events bringing *Team Wales* together on at least an annual basis to maximise involvement and collaboration, stimulate new ideas and sharing learning.

## UK and International Engagement

While the COVID crisis in 2020 triggered the largest annual drop in global energy-related carbon dioxide emissions since the Second World War, early data shows emission levels are already rebounding. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability report<sup>3</sup> highlights that very significant impacts of climate change are already being experienced across the globe and will continue to worsen over the coming decades. This message is echoed by advice from the CCC in relation to the impacts that will also be experienced in Wales and the urgent need for more adaptation action.

In 2021, the UK communicated its new Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) under the Paris Agreement to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. The NDC commits the UK to reducing economy-wide greenhouse gas emissions by at least 68% by 2030, compared to 1990 levels. It also includes information on how this target was developed and is quantified.

The UN sets out how all sectors of society need to mobilise for a decade of action and engage on three levels:

- 1) **Globally**, to secure greater leadership, more resources and smarter solutions for the Sustainable Development Goals;
- 2) **Locally**, to embed the transitions we need to see in the policies, budgets, institutions and regulatory frameworks of governments, cities and local authorities; and Net Zero Wales Carbon Budget 2 (2021-25);
- 3) **Through people**, including action by youth, civil society, the private sector, unions, academia and others, to generate an unstoppable movement for change.

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3 [Climate Change 2022: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability | Climate Change 2022: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability \(ipcc.ch\)](#)

Wales operates on all three levels, making sure we leave no-one behind as we transition to a cleaner and more sustainable future.

**Internationally**, Wales has already legislated for a net zero target for 2050 and is calling on other countries to raise their ambition in line with the Paris Agreement, using recovery from the pandemic to drive change in a fair and just way.

We are committed to working with other like-minded States and Regions through our engagement with international networks and organisations, such as Regions4SD and the Under2 coalition. Wales was a founding member of the Under2 Coalition, which provides a global forum for sub-national governments to work together to limit emission reduction and to keep global warming to under 2°C by the end of this century. In 2022 the coalition had 270 jurisdictions, from 43 countries, collectively representing 1.75 billion people and nearly 50% of the global economy.

COP26 was held in Glasgow in 2021.

This provided us with an opportunity to share and learn lessons from our international partners about the practical actions needed to tackle the climate emergency. We were able to showcase examples of collective action being undertaken in Wales and use the momentum to galvanise change at home and abroad.

We are in an opportune moment, where states and regions are driving change. We need to use the outcomes of COP26 as a momentum for change, turn talk into action and all play our part if we are to succeed in combating the climate crisis.

We will use everything we learned in Glasgow to ensure we in Wales play our part in delivering a greener and fairer future for all.

## Part C – Our Stakeholders

Due to the high level of interest from a broad range of stakeholders in climate change, we use a range of communication and engagement approaches.

### Our Stakeholders

We would like to work with stakeholders from across society and sectors and have listed examples of key organisations below. If you would like to be involved please let us know via [ClimateChange@gov.wales](mailto:ClimateChange@gov.wales) (Call to Action 4).

Emission Sector	Stakeholder
<b>Power</b>	Academia, Business, Community Groups, Consumers & wider society, DNOs, Energy Intensive Industry, Energy Companies, Further Education Colleges, Energy Systems Catapult, Energy UK/Marine Energy, Higher Education Institutions, Local Authorities, Members of the Welsh Parliament, National Infrastructure Commission, NGOs, OFGEM, Public Service Boards, Renewable Energy Deep Dive Group, Regional Skills Partnerships, SMEs, Social Enterprises, UK Government, Wales Energy Service.
<b>Buildings</b>	Academia, Active Building Centre, Banks, Business Wales, City region boards, Communities and Citizens of Wales, Construction Excellence Wales, Developers, Development Bank for Wales, Decarbonisation of Housing Group, Energy Intensive Industry (Waste Heat), Energy Systems Catapult, Higher & Further Education Institutions, Homeowners, Housing Associations, House builders, Local Authorities, Insurance Companies, Mortgage Providers, NGOs, OFGEM, Private Finance, Private Rented Sector, Public Service Boards, Public Health Wales and wider NHS, Public Regional Skills Partnerships, Registered Social Landlords, SPECIFIC, Supply Chains (Business), Tenants, Wales Energy Service.
<b>Industry &amp; Business</b>	Academia, Business Wales, Business, City & Growth region boards, Confederation of British Industry (CBI), Council for Economic Development, Economy and Transport Ministerial Advisory Board, Foundational Economy Community of Practice, Energy Systems Catapult, European Union, Federation of Small Business, Foundational Alliance Wales, HyNET, Menter a Busnes, Network Wales, Industry Wales, Industrial Clusters and Research Groups, Industrial Companies, industry bodies and trade associations, Institute of Directors, Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult, South Wales Industrial Cluster (SWIC), The UK Industrial Decarbonisation Research and Innovation Centre (IDRIC), Trades Union Congress, Cwmpas, Welsh Retail Consortium.
<b>Transport</b>	Active Travel Board, Bus Operators, Cardiff Airport, Confederation of Passenger Transport, Haulage Companies and Freight Operators, Local authorities and Wider Public Sector, Municipal bus companies, NGOs, Transport for Wales, Vehicle Manufactures and supply chains.

Emission Sector	Stakeholder
<b>Agriculture &amp; Land Use</b>	Prifysgol Bangor University, ADAS, AHDB Dairy, British Poultry Council, C.L.A., Coed Cadw, Coed Cymru, Farming Connect, FUW, HCC, IBERS, Prosoil project, Pwllpeiran Research Centre, Kepak, Land Workers Alliance, LANTRA, National Beef Association, National Peat Action Plan Manager at NRW, National Sheep Association, National Trust, Natural Resources Wales, Nature Friendly Farming Network, NFU Cymru, Welsh Organic Forum, Organic Farmers and Growers, Quality Welsh Food Certification, RSPB, Soil Association, Tenant Farmers Association, Tyfu Cymru, Wildlife Trust Wales, YFC, Forest owners and workers.
<b>Public Sector</b>	All public bodies defined under the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. For example the Welsh Ministers; Local Authorities; Local Health Boards; NHS Trusts; National Park authorities; Welsh fire and rescue authorities; Natural Resources Wales; the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales; the Arts Council of Wales; the Sports Council for Wales; the National Library of Wales; the National Museum of Wales; Future Generations Commissioner (FGC), Local Councils and One Voice Wales, Public Health Boards, Public Service Boards, Unions, Welsh Local Government Association, Welsh Ambulance Service Trust, Welsh Police Forces, Partnership Council for Wales. Also UK Government bodies with a footprint in Wales.
<b>Resource Efficiency and the Circular Economy</b>	Economy Ministerial Advisory Board, the retail sector, Foundational Alliance Wales, FE Community of Practice, Industry (waste heat), Local Authorities, NGOs, Natural Resources Wales, Scottish Government, Waste operators, WRAP, Water Companies, CERIG.
<b>International</b>	Climate Group, CBI, Environmental NGOs, FGC, UK Government, We Mean Business, Wider Third Sector representatives.
<b>Cross Cutting – relates to multiple sectors</b>	All aspects of Welsh public/society, Climate Cymru Climate Group, Council Leaders, Environmental NGOs, Extinction Rebellion, Innovation advisor council Wales, Local Authorities, Members of UK Parliament, Members of Welsh Parliament, National Lottery, Press & Media, Wellbeing Economy Government Network, Innovate UK, Universities, UKRI ( UK research innovation – funders), UK Climate Change, UK Government, Valleys Taskforce, Welsh Language and Equality – representative organisations of people from protected groups, WCVA Cymru, Wales Hydrogen Reference Group, North Wales Economic Ambition Board, Growing Mid Wales Partnership, Cardiff City Region, South West Wales partners.
<b>Young People</b>	Children’s Commissioner, Children in Wales, Eco Schools, Local Education Authorities, Size of Wales, Students, Teachers, Youth Groups and youth projects, Wales’ Youth Parliament, WFG Commission.
<b>Adaptation</b>	Many of the stakeholders listed above also relate to adaptation. Others include the Adaptation Committee of the Climate Change Committee specific communities at risk, Category 1 and 2 responders under the Civil Contingencies Act, Insurance Companies, Citizen Representative Organisations such as the National Flood Forum, Construction Companies, Environmental Consultants.

## Young People

Climate change has increased levels of uncertainty for our children and young people and they have shown here in Wales and across the world they are more aware than ever the challenges and risks presented by the climate and nature crisis.

Through the new curriculum and our environmental education programmes – Size of Wales and Eco Schools- we are continuing our commitment to enhance opportunities for children and young people to have their voices heard but to also provide real opportunities to participate and influence what happens next.

Engagement is critical. We recognise we don't have all of the answers, which is why we are committed to work with and learn from people across Wales, including listening to the voices of youth to find innovative solutions to the challenges we face. We need children and young people to play a prominent role in driving the transition to a net zero Wales and building resilience to the impacts of climate change.

We will continue to work with and provide opportunities for children and young people to respond to the climate emergency and have their voices heard. Young people will be part of and help shape their own sessions for Wales Climate week. We will sponsor Size of Wales MockCops, where secondary schools debate the international climate agenda and we will continue to support and engage with children and young people via events and school sessions providing direct links with Ministers and officials.

Young people are part of the societal change that is needed and their collective voices and action are part of the solution.

## Campaigners and the Third Sector

Voluntary organisations and campaigners have been at the forefront of raising awareness about climate change, calling for alternative approaches and introducing positive solutions. We recognise the crucial role that these groups play in responding positively to the climate emergency.

Climate change will affect different groups of people and places in different ways. These are complex problems and finding solutions that support people's wellbeing will demand contributions across different sectors and organisations. This will mean involving with those impacted directly by climate change events and the policies and actions introduced to tackle emissions. We will ensure that we involve unrepresented and disengaged parts of society to ensure all voices are able to contribute.

We will also need to draw in expertise from campaigners and the third sector in helping shape the broad range of climate policy going forward. We value their expertise and will provide every opportunity to have early, close and meaningful involvement. We will do this by strengthening the relationships that have been created over the last few years so that we can build and grow momentum in tackling the climate emergency.

Over the period of this engagement plan we will continue to work with third sector representatives to design more dynamic processes to ensure effective engagement, and work together through our Partnership Structures and communication channels.

## Climate Cymru

Climate Cymru are one of the networks that Welsh Government is working with to create an agile and dynamic working relationship to ensure collaboration and involvement from wider society in tackling climate change.

Climate Cymru are a network of organisations and individuals drawn from across Welsh civil society and beyond bringing together a diverse and common voice for modern Wales. As well as asking government to take the lead on climate change their mission is also make changes as people and businesses.

## Climate Assemblies

There are many types of involvement and engagement on climate change across the world and we are committed to involving citizens in the issues that affect them. We continually monitor approaches internationally and are open to discussions about new approaches. Whilst Welsh

Government has no plans to hold a national citizen's assembly we will play a full part with the Senedd should they choose to do so. Moreover if communities are motivated to create their own assemblies to discuss a local issue we would be interested to understand if the approach was successful in achieving the required change.

## Blaenau Gwent Citizen's Assembly

In 2021 under the Optimised Retrofit Programme we funded a collaboration of four housing associations – United Welsh, Tai Calon, Linc Cymru and Melin Homes – working in partnership with Cynnal Cymru and the Electoral Reform Society to hold a Citizens Assembly. The Assembly brought 50 citizens together to discuss the question: What should we do in Blaenau Gwent to tackle the climate crisis in a way that is fair and improves living standards for everyone? The recommendations from the Citizens Assembly have shaped the retrofit plans for the 4 housing associations and helped win Optimised Retrofit Programme 2 investment to improve homes in the area. The recommendations have framed the wellbeing plans and Public Service Board priorities.



## Partnership Structures

Here in Wales, we have many established social partnership arrangements between employers, recognised trade unions and interest groups to facilitate engagement and joint problem solving. These arrangements greatly value the contribution our social partners and Commissioners make in helping to inform and shape policy.

We will work to ensure the principle structures that have been established by the Welsh Government to facilitate social partnership are effectively utilised in relation to our ambitions for net zero and climate resilience. Key partnership structures include; the retail sector forum and the Social Partners Strategy Group in the business sector, the Workforce Partnership Council (WPC) and its Joint Executive Committee (JEC) across public services in Wales, and more recently a smaller Social Partners Reference Group. Recognising the crucial role of communities and civic society in tackling climate change we will also work with voluntary organisations through the Third Sector Partnership Council to promote inclusivity in our approach to engagement.

The Local Government Climate Strategy Panel and WLGA will support the commitments made by local government organisations to meet the collective net zero ambition by 2030 and to build resilience to the impacts of climate change. Local government is making best use of the strong existing regional, national and local structures to facilitate and support excellent communication, sharing of good practice, and to challenge and support our ambition across Wales. Further leadership is being provided by the Partnership Council for Wales who are helping drive a Team Wales Approach to Tackle Climate Change ([gov.wales/team-wales-approach-tackle-climate-change](https://gov.wales/team-wales-approach-tackle-climate-change)).

We will continue to work within these structures to mainstream climate change across Wales's society and economy. We are also open to discussions about new approaches as they develop and emerge over the engagement plan period.

## Workforce

Tackling climate change and the introduction of new technologies to meet Net Zero will have huge impacts on jobs in the next few decades. We must ensure our workforces in Wales to have a central voice in the transition, so transition is done with them. We want to ensure that no workers or communities are left behind, and where new jobs are just as good or better than any that are lost.

Ensuring workers involvement will also contribute to the momentum to tackling the climate emergency. Our Calls to action and Pledge campaign can help workers start conversations with employers and colleagues about tackling climate change and in a way that is a just and equitable for all. Over the period of this plan Welsh Government are working with TUC Cymru and others through the partnership structures outlined previously and other channels to ensure we continue to look at ways to ensure workers are integral to the *Team Wales approach*.



## Part D – Communications Channels & Timetable of Current Activities

### Types of Engagement Activities

The engagement through this plan's period has already started. We are currently:

- › continuing with the Pledge Campaign and Four Calls to Action
- › have updated and republished Working together to reach Net Zero
- › holding meetings with third sector organisations, civil society and climate activists to refine our engagement approach
- › continuing to strengthen international engagement on the Powering Past Coal Alliance through the Just Transition Taskforce
- › meeting with business leaders and representatives through the social partnership structure
- › regularly meeting with organisations from across Wales, UK and devolved nations.

These activities are supplemented by regular Ministerial Statements and bulletins, announcements and press notices, as well as messages on social media to inform and broaden engagement with wider society.

### Our future plans include:

- › holding at least one blended engagement event annually to build on the success of Wales Climate Week 2020 and COP Cymru 2021
- › highlighting cross-government consultations to enable stakeholders to have meaningful input into policies that will sit in the next Net Zero Wales Delivery Plan and our next national climate adaptation plan
- › revamping our web content and other tools to improve our communication

- › actively supporting other sector events and groups to enable collective action which cannot be achieved by government alone
- › working with stakeholders to agree shared evidence gathering and analysis tools
- › using the international agenda to encourage collaboration between countries, states and regions and promote Wales as a fair, just and green country
- › continuing to work with stakeholders to develop the *Team Wales approach*
- › working with education colleagues, schools and young people to create educational resources which enable learning about environment and climate change within the new curriculum
- › engaging with young people to help them contribute to tackling the climate emergency; and
- › working with key stakeholders on behaviour change and consulting on our approach later this year.

We will keep this plan under review to adapt our approach as required.

### Communication Channels

We will use a collection of online resources to facilitate effective involvement and collaboration with colleagues, partner organisations and external stakeholders. We will work with stakeholders to make an informed choice about the right blend of tools to employ in order to support our work, making the best possible use of digital media. We will also develop approaches to cater for people who prefer to engage through traditional rather than digital means.

To support this approach we have already started to improve our website content and our newsletter, and are looking at ways to better highlight key consultations and information across Government.

### Specific channels include:

- › Our targeted bulletins, newsletters to stakeholders, sharing Ministerial announcements and statements
- › Social Media channels
- › Welsh language channels
- › Sending timely emails to provide information to stakeholders
- › Collaboration through our partners' channels and engagement activities
- › Engagement with and via sectoral fora, trade unions and representative bodies to make sure all voices are heard
- › Responding to our Call for Actions through the pledge campaign or providing case studies on what you are doing and publishing these in *Working together to reach Net Zero*
- › Digital and face to face meetings with stakeholders
- › Placing information on Welsh Government website
- › Issuing materials and publications – accessible versions will be available on request
- › Working with the press and media
- › Work with key influencers using their channels and platforms to help appeal to different demographics
- › Use of Promotional films
- › Educators' channels - working closely with young people and schools to make sure our messages are helpful and engaging and provide useful opportunities for their feedback

- › Make full use of Welsh government contracts and frameworks to promote best practice and collaborative working; and
- › Work with Communities of Practice and trade and professional associations.

We will work with our partners to ensure we maintain and build inclusive engagement through our approach. To hear about our engagement events and keep up to date with our approach please sign up via [ClimateChange@gov.wales](mailto:ClimateChange@gov.wales) (Call to Action 4)

### Timetable of Engagement Activities

A high-level timeline for delivery of some of the most important government engagement activities is set out below. This will be updated as required as formal plans for engagement are developed and confirmed. Alongside this, we will continue to work with and to influence the UK Government to play their fair part in delivering net zero and climate resilience for Wales. We will use our communication channels and partnership structures to highlight these opportunities. Should you wish to register your interest in being kept informed on any these activities require please email: [ClimateChange@gov.wales](mailto:ClimateChange@gov.wales)



## 2022 Activity

A series of workshops and roundtables on the UK Emissions Trading Scheme (UK ETS)

Behavioural Change Strategy – [consultation](#)

Behaviour Change communications campaign

Bus Bill White Paper – [consultation](#)

### [COP27](#)

Development of climate change engagement strategy stakeholder meetings

Four Regional Energy Strategies for Wales published – stakeholder groups continue to develop delivery plans in each region

Launch of the second Whole Systems, Small Business Research Initiative ([SBRI](#))

Launch of Sustainable Farming Scheme ([SFS](#)) Outline Scheme & second phase of co-design for SFS

National Transport Delivery Plan

New Be Mighty campaign focused on recycling of food waste – communications campaign

New Business Recycling Regulations – [consultation](#)

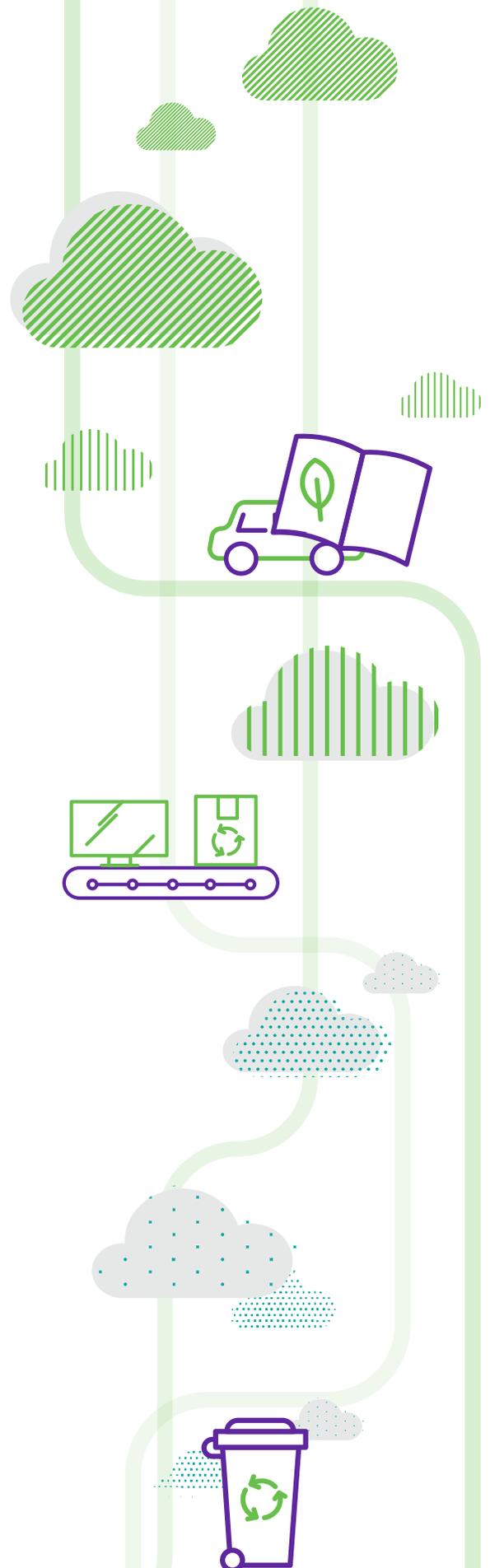
Review of public sector adaptation planning in Wales

Roads review report due:  
See [Roads Review Panel | GOV.WALES](#)

Wales Climate Week 2022

[Welsh Government Adaptation Plan](#) updated in light of Climate Change Committee (CCC) advice

Welsh Government's plan for net zero by 2030 published



## 2023 Activity

A range of indicators and performance measures is developed to make sure our direct financial support assists projects which help Wales become a net zero economy

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All public sector organisations have published plans to achieve collective net zero by 2030

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BC further consultation and workshops on scope expansion of the UK ETS – Consultation and stakeholder engagement activities

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COP 28

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Default speed limit change from 30mph to 20mph in built up areas

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Development of approach for climate adaptation indicators and pathways

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Development of next national climate adaptation plan

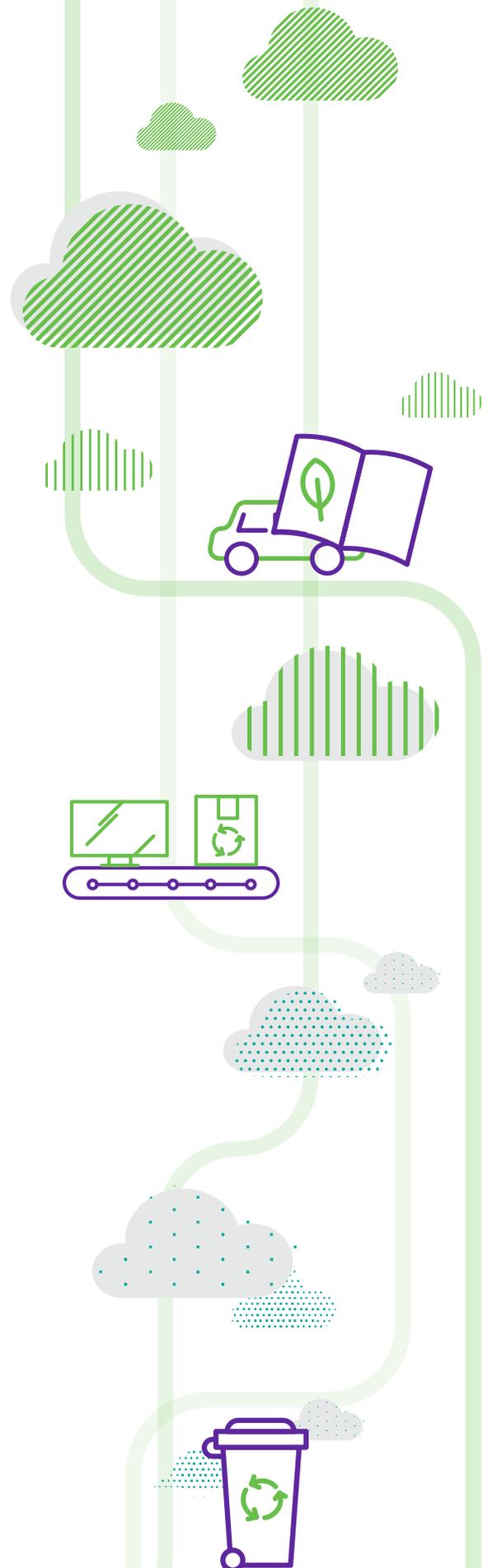
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Strategic Resource Areas for marine renewable energy will have been identified

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Wales Climate Week 2023

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## 2024-2026 Activity

All areas of Wales to have a detailed local energy plan to enable a cleaner future – Welsh Government will work with authorities and regions to ensure the people are engaged with the plans for their places

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COP 29, 30 & 31

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Engagement for the setting of Carbon Budget 4

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Publication of 3rd national climate adaptation plan

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Publication of Net Zero Plan for Carbon Budget 3

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Start developing New Net Zero Plan for Carbon Budget 3

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Wales Climate Week (2024, 2025 & 2026)

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