

From:

Energy Division

Cleared by:

Deputy Director

Date:

4th February 2025

MINISTERIAL ADVICE

For decision by: Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning

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Subject	Energy Division Finance 2024/25
100 word summary	<p>This advice sets out the Energy Division's proposed expenditure activities for 2024/25, within BEL 1280 – Green Energy and BEL 3772 - Ynni Cymru.</p> <p>This provides an opportunity for the Minister to consider financial allocations against Ministerial priorities.</p>
Timing	Normal course of business
Recommendation	Officials recommend the Minister agrees to energy officials committing expenditure in line with budgets, as set out in this advice and the financial breakdown attached at annex 1.
Decision report	This decision does not require a Decision Report.

ADVICE**Background**

1. The Energy Division was allocated the following funding in the 2024/25 budget round:

Revenue BELs	2024/25
Ynni Cymru BEL 3772	£2,470,000

Capital BELs	2024/25
Ynni Cymru BEL 3772	£10,000,000

2. This advice sets out the allocations of this funding to the Energy Division's work priorities across BELs 1280 and 3772. Activity for Ynni Cymru has been covered in separate advice (MA/JJ/2056/23 and MA/KSNWT/1604/24) but summarised in this MA to cover the core spending commitments.
3. The Energy Division has four broad priority areas of work: policy and evidence, delivery, financial support for renewable energy projects, and statutory commitments including fossil fuel and CCS licensing systems.
4. Work priorities are aligned to:
- Programme for Government commitments and well-being objectives.
 - Renewable energy policy to support sustainable delivery of the energy targets.
 - Our statutory commitments and policy framework.
 - Policies and proposals set out in Net Zero Wales.
 - The Cooperation agreement commitment to work towards the creation of Ynni Cymru.
5. Activities are listed below, with an estimated financial breakdown to support activities, attached at annex 1.

Green Energy – BEL 1280 – Revenue - £

Breakdown by budget line and work priorities:

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**Ynni Cymru – BEL 3772 – Revenue – £2,470,000 and Capital
£10,093,400**

Breakdown by budget line and work priorities:

Ynni Cymru Delivery

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44. The Minister for Climate Change agreed in MA/JJ/4533/21 to commit funding over three years to support the business plan for Community Energy Wales and Ynni Teg. The funding proposal was for £752,462 over 3 years from April 2022 to March 2025. This includes staff costs and running costs to deliver their business plan. A grant award letter is issued annually with £230,093 funding commitment for 2024/5.

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Financial Implications

BEL	2024-25 initial allocation	Final proposed budget	Variance	Comments
3772 Ynni Cymru revenue				
1280 Green Energy revenue				
Total Revenue				
Capital				
1280 Green Energy - Capital				
3772 Ynni Cymru				
Total capital				

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Recommendation:

54. Officials **recommend the Minister agrees** to energy officials committing expenditure in line with budgets, as set:

- I. **in this covering advice.**
- II. **in the financial breakdown attached at annex 1.**
- III. Officials will monitor and manage the overall level of expenditure to remain within budget.

Annex 1: ASSURANCE AND COPY RECIPIENTS**CLEARANCE TRACKING**

Aspect	Tracking	Yes	No	N/A	Clearance no.
Finance	Financial implications over £50,000?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Cleared by Group Finance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Cleared by Budget & Government Business Division?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Cleared by Local Government Finance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Legal	Legal issues?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Cleared by relevant lawyers?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Governance	Novel and contentious issues?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Cleared by Corporate Governance Centre of Excellence?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

DEPUTY DIRECTOR, STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE

In clearing this MA, I confirm that I, xx have quality assured this advice, ensuring it is provided on the basis of evidence, accurately presents the options and facts and I am accountable for the recommendations made

I am satisfied that the recommended decision or action, if agreed, would be lawful, affordable and comply with all relevant statutory obligations. Welsh Government policy priorities and cross portfolio implications have been fully considered in line with delivery of the government objectives.

I have fully considered the statement of assurance contained in the MA guidance to ensure all relevant considerations have been taken into account, appropriate impact assessments have been undertaken and that the actions and decisions take account of regularity, propriety and value for money.

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