

**From:**

Energy Division

**Cleared by:****Date:**

4th February 2025

## MINISTERIAL ADVICE

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

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

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Background

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

Revenue BELs	2024/25

Capital BELs	2024/25

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4. Work priorities are aligned to:

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5. Activities are listed below, with an estimated financial breakdown to support activities, attached at annex 1.

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Breakdown by budget line and work priorities:

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**XX****Breakdown by budget line and work priorities:**

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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

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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.
<b>Finance</b>	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"/>	
<b>Legal</b>	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"/>	
<b>Governance</b>	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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