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Llyr Gruffydd MS  
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Dear Mr Gruffydd,

**Changes to the target date from 2030 to 2034 for public sector homes to reach net zero.**

I write to you as Chair and on behalf of the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee.

At its meeting in January, the Scrutiny Committee received a report and update regarding Project Zero. The update and subsequent discussion covered the Vale of Glamorgan Council's efforts, in conjunction with Welsh Government and other Welsh Local Authorities, in tackling the climate emergency.

Subsequently, it was formally requested that the Committee's concerns be raised with the Senedd Committee on Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure concerning the change in the target date from 2030 to 2034 for public sector homes to reach net zero. This was due to the pushing back of the latest Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS) four years from 2030 to 2034 to reach the latest Energy Efficiency EPC level for all public sector homes.

However, it was also noted at the meeting that Local Authorities were still required to reach Net Zero by 2030, despite the changes to the WHQS deadline in this regard.

For more details on the discussion on this matter at January's committee meeting, please see the YouTube recording of the [Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee - 17 January 2024 at 6pm](#) (the relevant parts are covered between 2:05:25 and 2:09:27 of the recording), the relevant agenda [here](#) and minutes [here \(Min No. 707 refers\)](#).

The Scrutiny Committee would be interested to have the response from Welsh Government on the concerns raised and the reasons behind the changes outlined above.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

**Councillor Joanna Protheroe**

Chair of the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee

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