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Ymateb gan Ffederasiwn Bwyd a Diod Cymru / Evidence from Food and Drink Federation Cymru

Please see below for FDF (Food and Drink Federation) Cymru's response to the Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee's call for views on priority issues it should consider when planning its future work. Apologies for the delay, I hope that our evidence can still be considered.

Our response sets out a proposed Committee inquiry which could be undertaken

Title

How can Welsh businesses support the delivery of net zero?

Purpose of the inquiry

In February 2021, the Welsh Government set out its legal commitment to achieve net zero emissions by 2050.

The Welsh Government has set out plans on achieving cleaner air, putting an end to harmful agricultural pollution, and working towards a net zero public sector in Wales by 2030. However, there is no set plan on involving Welsh private businesses in supporting this ambition.

Everyone needs to do their bit to drive emissions down - Wales cannot achieve this ambition alone. This inquiry explores the role of businesses in reaching this ambition, and what challenges and support is needed in different businesses sectors in achieving net zero.

Areas of interest

- Role of Welsh businesses and businesses sectors in delivering net zero
- Businesses' best practice in reducing emissions and ways to share successes and learnings across sectors
- Impact of initiatives launched by the Welsh Government to support businesses reach net zero
- Convening power of the Welsh Government to support collaboration to tackle this common challenge
- Support for small businesses to understand their carbon footprint and work towards net zero
- The role of innovation in supporting Welsh businesses reach net zero
- Challenges for specific sectors to reach net zero and how these can be overcome