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The Scottish Fuel Poverty Advisory Panel's Annual Report

To: The Convenor, Ms Clare Haughey, MSP, The Health, Social Care & Sport Committee

Dear Clare

I am the Chair of the Scottish Fuel Poverty Advisory Panel and I am writing to share with you the Panel's first <u>Annual Report</u> which sets out our work on fuel poverty to date and our plans for this coming year.

The Scottish Fuel Poverty Advisory Panel is a small independent advisory body, established under the Fuel Poverty (Targets, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Act 2019, with a remit to monitor the Scottish Government's progress towards meeting Scotland's 2040 Fuel Poverty Targets; offer independent advice to the Scottish Government – and others – on fuel poverty matters and to foster collaboration across the fuel poverty landscape.

You may well also be interested in the Panel's <u>workplan</u> for. 2024-2025 – especially one of our 4 themes which is looking at the links between health outcomes and fuel poverty and health. This will build on engagement which the Panel has already had on the Warm Homes Prescription social prescribing initiative, modelled by Catapult Energy Systems, and piloted in Grampian, among other areas.

If you would like to engage with the Panel on our common areas of interest, I would be very happy to come and talk to you.

Yours sincerely,

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Matt Cole