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Dear Edward

Scrutiny of draft Climate Change Plan

Many thanks for your letter of the 3rd July setting out your proposals for a collaborative approach by Scottish Parliament's Committees to scrutiny of the forthcoming draft Climate Change Plan.

At its meeting on 12th September the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee considered and agreed an approach paper based on your proposals. In more detail, members agreed to:

- Participate in the joint-Committee approach to scrutiny, with NZET as the lead Committee
- Focus the Committee's scrutiny on the Buildings chapter of the Plan
- Issue a joint call for views and collaborate in relation to stakeholder communications, engagement and media work
- Holding evidence sessions with key stakeholders and developing a report on our findings.

Our forward workplan currently has evidence sessions on the CCP timetabled for February, though those of course are dependent on the timing of the draft CCP being laid. If time allows, our intention is to incorporate site visits into our scrutiny, for example to view a retrofitting project or a heat network.

My intention is that LGHPC's primary focus will be on the CCP's chapter on buildings, however given that local authorities have an important role in meeting Climate Change targets, that may be an additional theme running through the

scrutiny of the CCP. As the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee has previously undertaken an inquiry specifically on that issue, we could consider further where best that scrutiny may lie once the Plan has been laid.

I look forward to working with your Committee on this important issue.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ariane Burgess'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Ariane' written in a larger, more prominent script than the surname 'Burgess'.

Ariane Burgess
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