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Heat in Buildings Division
Directorate for Energy & Climate Change
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Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport

NATIONAL PUBLIC ENERGY AGENCY: CALL FOR EVIDENCE 2021/22

Purpose

1. To invite you to note the planned Call for Evidence on the National Public Energy Agency, due to launch on 30 November 2021.

Priority

2. Immediate – this is to enable any requested amendments to the Ministerial foreword to be able to be taken account of by publishers within the agreed timeframes for launch.

Call for Evidence

3. In response to [Redacted]'s submission on the strategic scope and proposed next steps in development of the new Agency (17 November), you confirmed your approval to conduct an early Call for Evidence during a meeting with officials, Comms and SpAds colleagues today. You agreed that it should launch on 30 November, and that you would announce this during your appearance at the NZET Committee on the same day. A draft final version of the Call for Evidence is attached alongside this submission for your reference.
4. [Redacted]

Supporting Consultation Stakeholder Events

5. To support the Call for Evidence, officials will organise a short series of open consultation webinar events early in the new year. It is intended that these events will help expand the reach of the consultation to a wider audience, and increase response rates.
6. [Redacted]
7. [Redacted]

Next Steps

8. The Call for Evidence closes on 8 February, allowing a 10 week response period. After this, responses will be analysed and a submission summarising key points

will be provided, including setting out any key areas of concern / risks and proposed mitigation measures.

9. Specifically, any consensus regarding the potential added value or not of the Agency taking on a regulatory role will be drawn out. [Redacted].

Recommendation

10. You are asked:

- **Note the draft final Call for Evidence – including providing any requested amendments to the Ministerial foreword;**
- **[Redacted]**

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			Portfolio Interest	Constit Interest	General Awareness
Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights		X	X		
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The Call for Evidence Consultation Document is publicly available online at: [Heat in Buildings: Scotland's National Public Energy Agency Consultation: Call for Evidence \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/consultations/hib/hib20220001)