

<b>ENGAGEMENT REPORT</b>	
<b>Minister</b>	Patrick Harvie (PH) Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel, and Tenants' Rights
<b>Type of engagement</b>	Meeting with the Danish Energy Agency
<b>Date</b>	12 April 2023
<b>Who</b>	[Redacted] Director General, Danish Energy Agency [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]
<b>Key Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>[Redacted]</b> started the meeting by thanking <b>PH</b> for the good cooperation that exists between Denmark and Scotland on the subject of heat in buildings, and expressed enthusiasm for how the partnership might further develop in future.</li> <li>• <b>[Redacted]</b> expressed an interest in learning of the latest developments in Denmark, and where [Redacted] saw opportunities and challenges within this policy area.</li> <li>• <b>[Redacted]</b></li> <li>• <b>PH</b> asked what sorts of financial support mechanisms were available for Danish households looking to disconnect from historic gas heating networks and onto a district heating network, and how the Danish state balanced the need to provide economic support for families with their heating, while also incentivising them to switch to district heating.</li> <li>• <b>[Redacted]</b></li> <li>• <b>PH</b> then asked about public perceptions in Denmark to district heating and to climate policy more generally, noting that in Scotland district heating was still an unknown quantity to most of the electorate, and that there were some voices who professed climate-sceptic views towards the green transition.</li> <li>• <b>[Redacted]</b> advised that in Denmark district heating is a recognised facet of every day life, and that the need to act on climate policy was seen as the most important issue for Danish voters during the 2019 Danish General Election.</li> <li>• [Redacted]</li> <li>• The meeting concluded with a discussion on the critical role Denmark's municipalities play in the country's energy provision: from creating arm's length bodies responsible for the administration of local heat networks, to having technical experts within municipal administrations tasked with designing energy plans for towns and cities.</li> </ul>
<b>Actions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>[Redacted]</b></li> </ul>
<b>Comment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [Redacted] - Out of scope</li> </ul>
<b>Attending Official</b>	[Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] Senior Policy Advisor [Redacted] Private Secretary [Redacted]
<b>Copy List</b>	Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel, and Tenants' Rights Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Just Transition

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