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Item 1 – Analysis (i) , 01/08/2024

[redacted – out of scope]

The draft ESJTP consulted on:

[redacted – out of scope]

- North sea oil and gas climate compatibility checkpoints

[redacted – out of scope]

[redacted –R. 10(4)(e)]

Item 2 - Fergus Ewing, Amber Rudd, Brian Wilson, Alistair Carmichael and Charles Hendry Cross-party statement on energy - policy advice – 26/06/2024

[redacted – out of scope]

- **In terms of the development of fields already identified but not yet in production, the draft ESJTP consults on these being able to progress to further licensing stages subject to a robust Climate Compatibility Checkpoint. [redacted –R. 10(4)(e)]**

[redacted – out of scope] The SG's draft ESJTP consulted on the principle that Climate Compatibility Checkpoints should look at the full impact from both groups of emissions.

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Part 4 - Could you supply all documentation held including correspondence sent and received, including internal, briefings, analysis and minutes/notes from meetings, about/between the Scottish Government and the Just Transition Commission (JTC), from between 15 July 2024 and October 31 2024?

From: [REDACTED – regulation 11]

Sent: 30 July 2024 14:23

To: [REDACTED – regulation 11]

Cc: [REDACTED – regulation 11]

Subject: RE: Just Transition Commission - Investment report

Hi [REDACTED – regulation 11]

We have reactively issued the following comment:

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

“The Scottish Government will carefully consider this report as it continues the drive to reach Net Zero emissions by 2045. With emissions in Scotland already nearly cut in half, we are well positioned to continue leading on climate action that is fair, ambitious, and capable of rising to the emergency before us.

“We are seeing sustained demand from households seeking to decarbonise heat in their homes. Last year the Home Energy Scotland Grant and Loan Scheme supported people to install more than 2000 heat pumps - a 17% increase compared to the same period the previous year – and more than 1500 energy efficiency measures.

“The Scottish Government will continue to work with local authorities, trade unions, and the private sector, to ensure that a just transition is delivered, securing a future for both our workforce and our environment.”

Scotland continues to offer a generous package of grants and loans available to people seeking to decarbonise heat in their homes.

- For clean heating systems such as heat pumps, grant funding of up to £7,500 is available via the [Home Energy Scotland Grants and Loans Scheme](#), with an additional £7,500 of funding available as an optional interest free loan.
- For energy efficiency measures such as insulation, grant funding is available up to 75% of the combined cost of measures up to a maximum grant amount of £7,500. An additional £7,500 of funding is available as an optional interest free loan.

- An uplift of £1,500 is available for remote rural and island homes to both the energy efficiency and clean heating grants, meaning these households can claim up to £18,000 in grant funding.

From: [REDACTED – regulation 11] **On Behalf Of** Communications Net Zero, Energy and Rural Affairs
Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2024 2:19 PM
To: [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Cc: [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Subject: RE: Just Transition Commission - Investment report

Thanks [REDACTED – regulation 11]

We have been approached for comment, I am including my colleague Fraser to share the response we've issued to the media.

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Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2024 2:16 PM
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Sent: 06 August 2024 10:03
To: [REDACTED – regulation 11]; Philip Raines [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Cc: Catriona Laing [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Subject: RE: Meeting JTC on heat in buildings modelling
Importance: High

Good Morning,

We have checked in with the JTC BEC working group for a 30 min slot. Commission have very limited next week. (Stephen Good returns from leave on Monday then is travelling Tuesday/Wednesday).

The best 30min slot for JTC is 10:30 on Monday 12th. Would this be suitable? Risk is if not in diary we will lose JTC availability.

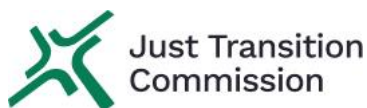
Other possible slots are 14:00, 14:30 or 15:00 on the 12th, though may not have full attendance.

Kind regards,

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From: [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Sent: Friday, August 2, 2024 2:59 PM
To: Philip Raines [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Cc: Catriona Laing [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Subject: RE: Meeting JTC on heat in buildings modelling

Hi Phil

Just to note here for others' benefit that as we discussed a short while ago we can't currently reach Stephen's office but will look to schedule this call when his PA is back from leave next week.

Thanks
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From: [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2024 11:50 AM
To: Philip Raines [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Cc: Catriona Laing; [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Subject: RE: Meeting JTC on heat in buildings modelling

Hi [REDACTED – regulation 11],

That sounds good. We'll get back asap with some suitable times for our members ahead of the 15th.

Thanks
[REDACTED – regulation 11]

From: Philip Raines [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2024 9:47 AM
To: [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Cc: Catriona Laing; [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Subject: RE: Meeting JTC on heat in buildings modelling

Hi [REDACTED – regulation 11]

I know Dr Allan is meeting the co-Chairs on the 15th. I wonder if it might be possible for a meeting before then, subject to folks' diaries?

Cheers
Phil

From: [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2024 9:32 AM
To: [REDACTED – regulation 11]; Philip Raines
Cc: [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Subject: RE: Meeting JTC on heat in buildings modelling

Thanks Phil and [REDACTED – regulation 11]

I'd be very happy to set up a call with the Commission's BEC working group. Stephen Good is the lead and is on leave for the next couple of weeks. Would w/c 19th suit?

Thanks
[REDACTED – regulation 11]

From: [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2024 12:50 PM
To: Philip Raines [REDACTED – regulation 11]

Cc: Catriona Laing [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Subject: RE: Meeting JTC on heat in buildings modelling

Adding [REDACTED – regulation 11] and [REDACTED – regulation 11] who lead on HIBS analysis

[REDACTED – regulation 11]
Head of Climate Change Analysis
Office of the Chief Economic Adviser – OCEA | Scottish Government

From: Philip Raines
Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2024 12:41 PM
To: [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Cc: Catriona Laing [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Subject: Meeting JTC on heat in buildings modelling

Hi [REDACTED – regulation 11]

I wonder if you/team can advise? Colleagues in the JT Unit and in HiBs have now seen the embargoed copy of the JTC' report on heat in buildings decarbonisation. There is some difference in the estimates of costs in the report to those generated by the internal modelling done in the SG, so not surprisingly, colleagues here would welcome a chance to discuss the JTC modelling/costing approach, not least to see if there are improvements to be made. Would it be possible for relevant JTC colleagues to meet with policy/analytical SG folk?

Thanks
Phil

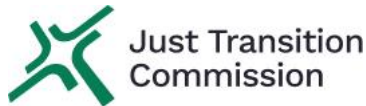
From [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Sent: 16 August 2024 14:38
To: [REDACTED – regulation 11]; Philip Raines; [REDACTED – regulation 11];
Catriona Laing [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Cc: [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Subject: RE: BEC follow-up actions

Hi [REDACTED – regulation 11]

Thanks for this – yes agree, it was a very positive discussion and Commissioners certainly found it very informative. As you noted, Lang and Gareth agreed to have a more detailed discussion on figures, which we'd probably look to open up to the BEC working group, but yes think that would cover the actions taken at the meeting

Many thanks
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From: [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2024 7:12 PM
To: [REDACTED – regulation 11]; Philip Raines; [REDACTED – regulation 11];
Catriona Laing [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Cc [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Subject: RE: BEC follow-up actions

Hi [REDACTED – regulation 11]

Thanks for this. I think heat colleagues had a positive discussion with Commissioners on Wednesday and there was some further discussion between Lang and Gareth about having a follow up conversation on the figures, which we can look to fix up in coming weeks. [REDACTED – regulation 11] do you think this, alongside the slides that Gareth said he would send over will be enough in terms of briefing and further conversations to cover off the actions taken at the meeting on Monday or will any subsequent discussions be needed?

I think a follow up letter to the Minister would be welcomed too. Thanks for proposing that and happy to catch up on that as helpful

Thanks

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From: [REDACTED – regulation 11]

Sent: Monday, August 12, 2024 5:52 PM

To: Philip Raines [REDACTED – regulation 11]; Catriona Laing [REDACTED – regulation 11]

Cc: [REDACTED – regulation 11]

Subject: BEC follow-up actions

Dear all,

I thought it would be worth following up on this morning's call with the JTC BEC working group on a couple of the proposed actions around (1) the latest analytical work and (2) financing (the other 2 areas Catriona identified for action were the technical side and ways of working between SG and JTC, which may require a further discussion to make sure expectations are properly aligned).

We have a scheduled call on the work of the GHFT on Wednesday which I hope will bring together the key points on the financing discussion (agenda below).

If it is possible to arrange, ideally within the next few weeks, a separate briefing session for our members to understand in more detail the latest analytical work on retrofit, that should give a steer as to whether a further standalone discussion on the technical issues would be necessary. I would also expect the Commission might give thought to writing to the minister on this topic following this session if necessary to ensure its considered view on this topic has been clearly communicated and to avoid any misunderstandings related to recent media coverage.

Welcome your views before we look to firm this up with colleagues.

Thanks

[REDACTED – regulation 11]

Agenda -12:00 -12:15 – Presentation from Scottish Government on the work of the Green Heat Finance Taskforce, including part one report and plans for part 2.

Presentation will also:

- Set out the overall financing challenge
- Outline some of the key barriers that have been reported
- Outline some of the proposed financing mechanisms that have been identified by Taskforce during the course of its work

12:15 – 13:00 – Q&A

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Executive Director, Just Transition Commission

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Just Transition Commission: briefing on work of Green Heat Finance Taskforce on financial models for clean heat in buildings

Gareth Fenney
Acting Deputy Director
Heat in Buildings Delivery Division
W/C 12 August 2024



Green Heat Finance Taskforce (GHFT)

Purpose: to develop a portfolio of innovative financial solutions for building owners in Scotland to ensure that by 2045, our homes and buildings no longer contribute to climate change, as part of the wider just transition to net zero.

Exploring options for the scaling up of existing mechanisms, and development of new financial products

Part 1 recommendations to increase the flow of private finance through products best suited to individual property owner's circumstances.

Part 2 recommendations on communal and place-based financing solutions which can apply to multiple properties.



Key themes and messages overall

General

GHFT are independent and reports should be bold, articulating the ambition and urgency of action.

Scottish Government need to demonstrate leadership – though role is often to convene, coordinate & set direction.

It is important to focus on finding ways to test approaches and move beyond researching solutions.

Part 1 Report

The **market for financing retrofit is currently immature** but expanding.

Taskforce is confident that **supply of finance will expand to meet any increases in demand.**

Finance is only one of several inter-linking factors which all need to progress in tandem to provide property owners with confidence – 3 underpinning themes which will support market in green home finance develop are:

1. Regulations – influence the demand for retrofitting measures and their accompanying need for finance
2. Co-investment – combines finance and other resources from a range of sources
3. Market pillars – considering all market pillars is necessary for the ability of finance to flow effectively. Market pillars include Monitoring & Evaluation, Quality Assurance, etc.

Part 2 Report

Place based solutions are key to being able to deliver at scale – everything happens in a place so individual solutions, heat networks and social housing retrofit can all form part of place based plans.

Support is required to help develop project pipeline of investment ready initiatives (across place based, heat networks and social housing) as well as to aggregate individual projects into coherent programmes which offer the scale to attract institutional investors.

Barriers and challenges

Barriers currently constraining the levels and pace of private finance offerings:

- Complexity of making the right choice
- Perceived impact on property value
- Poor financial returns
- Split incentives
- Lack of promotion of green mortgage products
- Legislative barriers
- Quality of data

Challenges constraining financial sector provision of finance:

- Challenges to assessing the cash-flows of projects
- Challenges around structuring transactions
- Challenges to integrate investments into investor portfolios



GHFT – Part 1 Report Recommendations

Develop blended co-investment investment vehicles

With support of the SNIB, SFE and SFT, identify where and how to best test a blended finance approach to finance ZDEH

Research on Property Linked Financing in Scotland

Work with GFI to explore potential to establish a scalable demonstrator of mechanism

Review of available SG fiscal levers

Explore the scope to use of LBTT or Council tax to incentivise ZDEH upgrade

Non-Domestic Rates system

Review how NDR can better support- and encourage ZDEH installations

Expand current market engagement

Work with GFI, SFE and other to expand engagement with brokers and quantity surveyors to promote and expand awareness of public for green financing products

Work with Equity Release Council

Develop an information framework and guidance for Green Retrofit Equity Release products

Green lease / rental agreements

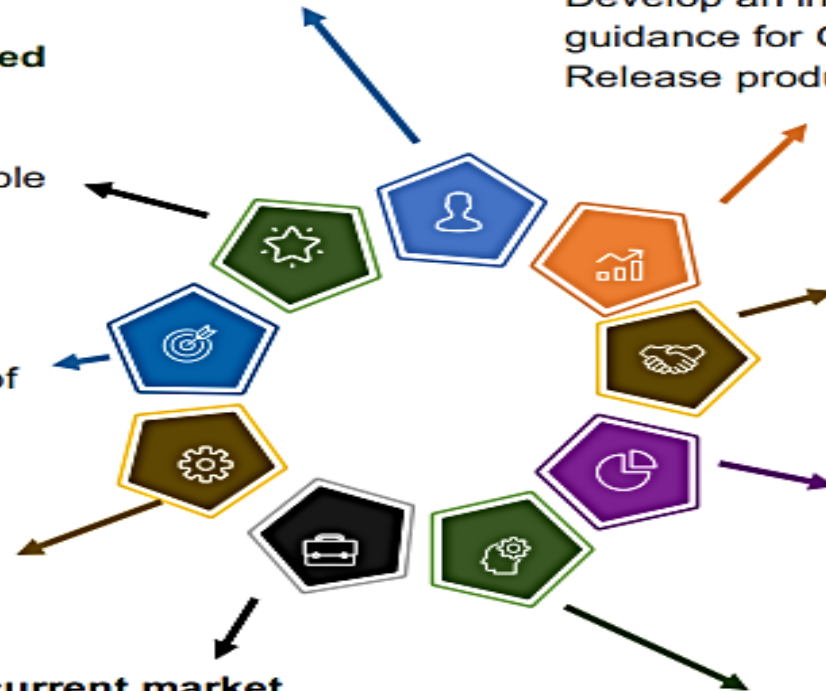
Identify opportunities to pilot the use of green rental agreements to encourage retrofitting rented properties

Map heat in building data gaps

Establish a framework to promote open data sharing to address current gaps

Co-ordination with UK Government

Seek to influence UK Government and regulator policy to encourage installation of ZDEH solutions





GHFT Part 2 Report publication

- Iterating report and testing key messages with stakeholders. Aiming for October publication

SG response to GHFT recommendations

- To follow quickly after Part 2 report, identifying how and with who take forward priority actions

Partnership working across stakeholders

- Keen to develop productive partnerships to progress sequenced action including with local authorities



Minute Dr Allan Introduction meeting with JTC Co-Chair 15/08/24

Attendees

JTC: Dave Reay, Satwat Rehman

SG: Minister for Climate Action, Catriona Laing, [REDACTED – regulation 11]

Minute

1. Place Based approach to JTC work

AA: Begun meeting by asking Chair about work and priorities of the Commission.

DR: Outlined the second iteration of the JTC that will run to end of Parliament. Noted that focus last year had been on advising and scrutinising delivery of just transition plans. This year Commission has taken a people and place based approach including:

- Initial visit to Grangemouth following Ineos announcement and spoke to people about the intersection of issues in their areas.
- Subsequent visit to Shetland, again an area with historical and live just transition issues, including around impacts of offshore wind.
- Upcoming trip to Dumfries with focus on local housing and land use issues.
- Aberdeen in October which will inevitably focus on energy given UKG announcements.

DR: Reflected how rewarding place based approach has been and emerging sense that the spatial granularity of regional planning will be crucial for just transition.

SR: highlighted crosscutting themes that continually emerged from engagement e.g. impact on future generations; housing; skills and education.

2. Ministerial engagement

DR: Noted x-ministerial meeting in June that identified 4 game changing areas for rest of this Parliament and got agreement from ministers for subsequent bilaterals. Asked Dr Allan for support in continuing this dialogue with ministers on 4 areas with view to developing targeted advice on what regional just transition planning could do.

AA: Raised role of external stakeholders e.g. industry in realising this work

SR: Highlighted emphasis on community engagement and development that would support this regional approach over coming year. Also flagged ongoing monitoring and evaluation project in collaboration with SG officials.

CL: Agreed officials will support in facilitation ministerial meetings [**ACTION**].

Reflected difficulties of monitoring and evaluation of a JT and keenness to continue working with JTC on it. Highlighted forthcoming Grangemouth just transition plan and work of GFIB and community groups in realising ambitions within it.

3. JTC input into SG work

AA: Asked about JTC input on development of sectoral Just Transition Plans.

DR: Reflected substantial feedback provided on ESJTP and ongoing input on other sectoral plans. Noted current review of SNAP 3, highlighting it as a strong example of embedding just transition into policy and flagged need to do same for CCP.

AA: Reinforced shared and genuine commitment to just transition and welcomed JTC's ongoing input. Supportive of further engagement moving forwards.

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Sent: 02 August 2024 15:23

To: Philip Raines [REDACTED – regulation 11]; Catriona Laing [REDACTED – regulation 11]

Cc: [REDACTED – regulation 11]

Subject: Upcoming JTC publications/visits

Hi Phil

As we discussed, I'm sharing a quick run-down of upcoming JTC publications and visits so that we can make doubly sure there are 'no surprises' with relevant policy teams (there's a bit more info in the shared workplan here [SG - JTC - Workplan 2024 details - Objective ECM \(scotland.gov.uk\)](#))

I hope this is helpful and very happy to discuss/update as we proceed. Unfortunately the volume of output you'll see below (on top of the two reports just launched in the last fortnight) means we are really stretched on Secretariat capacity which can make our production timelines tighter than I'd ideally like – extra keen therefore to ensure we keep really consistent liaison on the below over the coming months to ensure relevant policy teams are sighted.

August 22-23 – Commission visit to Dumfries and Galloway (topics: housing, forestry, agriculture).

August 29 – Publication of Shetland briefing with launch roundtable in Lerwick (topics: energy, community benefit/wealth-building, peatland, marine)

Late Sept/ early Oct – Publication of Dumfries and Galloway Briefing

October 3-4 – Commission visit to Aberdeen (topics: energy, regional planning/local government, community engagement)

Late Oct/ early Nov – Publication of Aberdeen briefing

Early December – Annual report including M&E research and recommendations and Grangemouth update

Thanks

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Executive Director, Just Transition Commission

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From: [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Sent: 25 September 2024 09:05
To [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Subject: RE: proposals for meetings

Good morning [REDACTED – regulation 11] – I hope you're both well?

I'm just getting in touch regarding the Ministerial meetings with the JTC that are due to begin in late October. I'm starting to put together the briefing pack now for the first of the meetings, and wanted to know if a formal decision had been made regarding attendance of commissioners – will the invitation be opened up to the full cast list of the JTC?

Thanks in advance
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From [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2024 12:46 PM
To: [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Subject: proposals for meetings

Ministerial meetings

As agreed at Professor Dave Reay's meeting with junior ministers and the JTC co-chairs recent meeting with Dr Allan, officials are looking to arrange a series of bilaterals between ministers and JTC co-chairs to discuss key strategic steps on just transition that could be meaningfully progressed between now and 2026 (see below). A core group of Commissioners have been suggested for each meeting but officials propose that these meeting are opened up to the entire Commission due to differences in expertise.

Topic	Ministers	Commissioners
Investment and community ownership	Alasdair Allan Ivan Mckee Tom Arthur	Dave Reay Satwat Rehman Nick Robins Stephen Smellie Louisa Macdonell
Future workforce and skills	Alasdair Allan Graeme Dey Tom Arthur Natalie Don Kaukab Stewart	Dave Reay Satwat Rehman
Equalities and social infrastructure	Alasdair Allan Natalie Don Siobhian Brown Jenni Minto Maree Todd	Dave Reay Satwat Rehman Ameena Camps

	Christina McKelvie Kaukab Stewart	
Rural Economy	Alasdair Allan Jim Fairlie	Dave Reay Satwat Rehman Steven Thomson
Housing	Alasdair Allan Paul Maclennan	Dave Reay Satwat Rehman Stephen Good Lang Banks

Background

1. The Commission identified 4 key strategic steps on just transition that could be meaningfully progressed between now and 2026. Taking these steps would demonstrate Scotland’s credentials as a world leader on just transition and give “proof of concept” that the transition to Net Zero is a serious economic opportunity, not an additional cost:
 1. Future workforce
 2. Community right to shared ownership
 3. Lead the world on just transition investment
 4. Get the delivery model in place

Meeting between First Minister and JTC co-chairs

Officials are seeking agreement from the First Minister to meet with the Co-Chairs of the Just Transition Commission to discuss the Commission’s annual report for 2024. This was a previous commitment agreed to by the former First Minister Humza Yousaf following a meeting of the First Minister’s Environmental Council.

Officials are requesting a meeting between the First Minister and JTC co-chairs to take place following a series of bilaterals between Ministers and the JTC co-chairs. Officials suggest an FM meeting is scheduled for early December, to precede the publication of the Commission’s annual report and provide an opportunity to reflect on Ministerial discussions and the Commission’s work this year, including on Grangemouth, Shetland and investment.

Professor Dave Reay, JTC Co-Chair, recently presented to the Junior Ministerial team to discuss how achieving a just transition cuts across ministerial portfolios and knits together the Scottish Government’s strategic priorities, as well as setting out key next steps to ensure this parliament achieves a strong legacy on just transition delivery.

Following this meeting, officials are taking forward an agreed action to arrange a series of bilaterals to discuss the key strategic steps on just transition that could be meaningfully progressed between now and 2026.

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From: [REDACTED – regulation 11]

Sent: 14 October 2024 13:47

To: Just Transition Commission <justtransitioncommission@gov.scot>

Cc: [REDACTED – regulation 11]; Susie Townend [REDACTED – regulation 11];
Catriona Laing; [REDACTED – regulation 11]

Subject: Draft Grangemouth Industrial Just Transition Plan - [embargoed]

Dear Just Transition Commissioners,

Please find attached for sight, an embargoed copy of the Grangemouth Industrial Just Transition Plan, which the Scottish Government intends to launch as a draft for consultation in early November. As per the terms of our MoU, we would appreciate if this is treated sensitively and not shared any further at this time.

As outlined in writing to you, the Scottish Government was grateful for the JTC's report on Grangemouth, published earlier this summer, as well as extensive engagement events held earlier in the year. We have also attached a short outline of how the Scottish Government has used this report in developing its draft Plan. We would welcome further discussion on the JTC's recommendations, with a view to exploring in more detail specifically how some of these proposals can be practically implemented.

Ahead of the launch of the draft plan and consultation, Scottish Government officials would welcome the opportunity for a discussion with JTC co-chairs, with a view to holding more detailed discussions with the wider JTC during the consultation period, should that be desired.

Best,

[REDACTED – regulation 11]

[REDACTED – regulation 11] | **Energy Industries | Energy and Climate
Change | Scottish Government** | [REDACTED – regulation 11]



Grangemouth Just Transition Plan Response to Just Transition Commission’s Recommendations

The Scottish Government has been in the process of developing the Grangemouth Industrial Just Transition Plan following an extensive series of engagements across industry, the industrial workforce and surrounding community during 2023 and the first half of 2024.

This effort has taken a systematic approach, aligned to the Scottish Government’s Just Transition planning framework, commencing with the development of a detailed, data and evidence led baseline, an vision for the future, a corresponding action plan, complemented by a monitoring and evaluation framework, designed to support routine assessment of progress towards 2045.

We are now at a critical stage of consultation, having developed these core elements which comprise the first iteration of the draft plan. Of particular importance are to proposed actions outlined in the draft, which present a comprehensive programme of work based on extensive stakeholder input and analysis. These actions have been developed, tested across GFIB and then rationalised into the key priority activities.

During the course of this work, the Just Transition Commission concurrently embarked on an engagement and insight gathering exercise at Grangemouth, culminating in a briefing intended for use by the Scottish Government in the development of its plan. This short document aims to articulate how the JTC briefing has been utilised in the development of the draft Grangemouth Industrial Just Transition Plan.

JTC Headline Recommendation	Reflection in the Grangemouth Just Transition Plan
<p>The just transition plan for Grangemouth must earn the trust of the workforce and local community</p>	<p>This recommendation purported that definitive actions with clearly articulated owners, timescales for delivery and a suitably enforceable monitoring process would be critical in restoring trust with the workforce and surrounding communities of Grangemouth.</p> <p>Parallel to the development of the draft plan, the Scottish Government has undertaken a concerted effort to include a more diverse representation from stakeholders across industry leadership, the workforce and the community.</p> <p>In the process of developing the draft, we have identified action owners, however, have opted to use the consultation period to seek views on who should have a role in delivery, with meaningful input across all representative on the GFIB group. Furthermore, GFIB has now established a new series of workstreams, aligned to the recommended actions in the draft Just Transition Plan – providing enhanced alignment the delivery vehicle and the plan as the GFIB’s guiding strategy.</p>

	<p>Through consultation we will seek views both from across GFIB and beyond on the suitability of each action owner.</p> <p>We will also seek views on an indicative timeline for implementation of these activities and will seek to finalise both action owners and timeframes at the stage of publishing the final plan.</p> <p>Furthermore, we have outlined an initial summary of the approach to monitoring and evaluation which we propose GFIB will undertake on a bi-annual basis.</p>
<p>The Grangemouth plan must be the first in a series of rapidly developed just transition plans for Scotland's highest emitting sites</p>	<p>Our understanding of this recommendation was one which focused more on the proposed requirement for the expansion of similar plans across Scotland's wider carbon intensive sites.</p> <p>The Scottish Government recently announced plans to develop a site-specific Just Transition Plan for Mossmorran, following the completion of its work at Grangemouth. Beyond this, we continue to consider our wider approach to ensuring that worker and community outcomes are considered in the transition of critical locations across Scotland as we transition to net-zero, with the Grangemouth plan acting as a first step in informing our approach to other areas.</p>
<p>A new intergenerational social contract is needed to safeguard local young people and their community's future</p>	<p>The focus of this recommendation targeted jobs, skills and the provision of education and training, as well as collaboration with training providers as a critical requirement for ensuring the continuity of opportunities and prosperity for both existing and future workforces in Grangemouth.</p> <p>A key driver in developing this plan has been an acute understanding of the importance of the highly skilled workforce that currently exists at Grangemouth, and the requirement for the retention and preservation of this knowledge base for future generations of the industrial workforce.</p> <p>Our initial research has shown that a large proportion of the industrial cluster's workforce lives in Grangemouth and it is clear that a sustainable future for industrial manufacturing will be critical in ensuring the continued prospects and livelihoods for local people.</p> <p>In our efforts to appropriately address this risk, we have worked with Forth Valley College, Falkirk Council, Skills Development Scotland and others across GFIB, to develop actions that will support the continued development of skills and training, suited to the future of the cluster.</p> <p>Our engagement with stakeholders has shown a need for targeted work that enhances existing educational frameworks, better aligns them with industry needs, and improves the</p>

	<p>coordination of efforts across educational, governmental, and industry stakeholders.</p> <p>At a strategic level, our proposal suggests alignment with the Forth Valley Skills Strategy appropriately addresses the Grangemouth industrial cluster, as a critical hub of skills demand and development – streamlining the appropriate initiatives.</p> <p>Our proposals on jobs & skills go further, to suggest a Skills Hub, that will have a key role on a number of fronts – gathering and analysis of evidence to understand in greater detail the future skills requirements based on net-zero manufacturing, which to date is still unclear for Grangemouth. It's work should build on this knowledge to support the design of appropriate courses and provisions for existing workers in line with demand. Further it should have role in developing an outreach programme for local people across all education levels, seeking to overcome barriers to enter STEM courses, particularly looking to tackle access to courses for women and other people currently not represented strongly enough across the industrial workforce.</p> <p>We further propose to consider access to apprenticeship courses, as part of a wider initiative, in support of requirements at the cluster and those who may seek to pursue training and development or a career there.</p>
<p>Grangemouth needs a new economic model that goes well beyond the refinery, leveraged to deliver enduring community benefit.</p>	<p>The central proposition of the fourth recommendation, as we understand it, focused on developing more creative models of investment and funding to lock-in the transfer of benefits ascertained from investment to wider recipients – including the workforce, community and the environment itself.</p> <p>You will likely be aware of our commitment, alongside the UK Government to jointly provide £1.6m in grant funding to Petroineos – supporting Project Willow. This is a technical and commercial initiative designed to provide detailed analysis on the most viable transition options for the INEOS/Petroineos Grangemouth assets. The outcome of that work will be an investment strategy mapping the specific steps to achieve net-zero for that portion of the wider cluster. In line with your advice, we are working to embedded into the Grant award, specific conditionalities linked to the just transition of Grangemouth, with a specific focus on the refinery workforce and surrounding education providers.</p> <p>Going forward, our Just Transition Plan proposes to develop a more comprehensive suit of JT conditionalities for <i>all</i> public funding designated to Grangemouth, focusing on community benefit, environmental requirements and the existing and</p>

	<p>future workforce and we would welcome your insights as we develop this.</p> <p>More broadly, we welcome further dialogue with the JTC through the consultation on the Grangemouth Just Transition Plan. Our proposed action to develop an encompassing cluster strategy, which aligns with that of Project Willow will be scoped to consider diverse investment options including public, private and social investment and we welcome your expertise as this work is launched.</p>
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From: [REDACTED – regulation 11]

Sent: 09 October 2024 15:35

To: Catriona Laing [REDACTED – regulation 11]; Philip Raines [REDACTED – regulation 11]

Cc: Jemima Gordon-duff [REDACTED – regulation 11]

Subject: JTC note re NDC update

Dear Catriona

I just wanted to share a ‘heads up’ that the JTC are likely to write to Ms Martin this week to suggest SG request the inclusion of beefed up language on just transition within the UK NDC which is currently being updated. Hopefully a win-win! Very happy to discuss. Early draft text below.

We understand UKG are working on this right now and have asked CCC to provide numbers for it by end of this month for possible COP announcement, so timelines are fairly tight.

Thanks

[REDACTED – regulation 11]

We are writing to you regarding the ongoing process to update the United Kingdom’s Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC), following the most recent update in September 2022.

The current NDC text refers to a number of relevant issues within the section providing information to facilitate clarity, transparency and understanding (ICTU). We believe there is a clear opportunity for enhancement in terms of how just transition principles are set out.

The Commission’s view is that the revised NDC should, at the very least, include a commitment to the application of just transition principles to the domestic transition. This would be a major improvement on the existing language from the 2022 update, as follows:

Government must have regard to just transition when setting out plans to reduce emissions. These principles are defined as the importance of reducing net UK emissions of greenhouse gases in a way which:

- (a) supports environmentally and socially sustainable jobs,
- (b) supports low-carbon investment and infrastructure,
- (c) develops and maintains social consensus through engagement with workers, trade unions, communities, non-governmental organisations, representatives of the interests of business and industry,
- (d) creates decent, fair and high-value work in a way which does not negatively affect the current workforce and overall economy,
- (e) contributes to resource efficient and sustainable economic approaches which help address inequality and poverty.

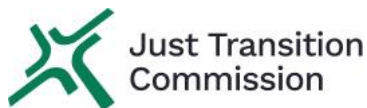
Given the Scottish Government has been at the forefront of developing the process by which just transition principles are applied to domestic mitigation and adaptation policy, we consider there would be particular weight to a request from the Scottish Government to the UK Government for the inclusion of a commitment to adopt a suitable (for UK-wide) version of the just transition principles as part of the forthcoming NDC update.

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Executive Director, Just Transition Commission
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Marine Just Transition Oversight Group – 30 October 2024 – Readout

Chair:

[REDACTED – regulation 11], Scottish Government Marine Directorate

Attendees:

Jake Molloy, Just Transition Commission

Steven Thomson, Just Transition Commission

[REDACTED – regulation 11], NatureScot

[REDACTED – regulation 11], NatureScot

Catriona Laing, Scottish Government Energy and Climate Change Directorate

[REDACTED – regulation 11], Scottish Government Offshore Wind Directorate

[REDACTED – regulation 11], Scottish Government Marine Directorate

Caro Cowan, Scottish Government Marine Directorate

Iain Wallace, Scottish Government Marine Directorate

Annabel Turpie, Scottish Government Offshore Wind Directorate

Malcolm Pentland, Scottish Government Marine Directorate

[REDACTED – regulation 11], Scottish Government Marine Directorate

[REDACTED – regulation 11], Scottish Government Marine Directorate

Apologies:

Deborah Long, Just Transition Commission

Lucy Law, Scottish Government Offshore Wind Directorate

Background

A Marine Just Transition Oversight Group was formed to provide advice on high level cross cutting issues, provide advice on direction and prioritisation, to help the project team define scope of work, and to give authority to integrate just transition ways of working into different policy areas. The oversight group is part of the governance of the project and informal meetings are approximately every three months. This is the readout for the second Oversight Group meeting. The first Oversight Group meeting was held on 12 June 2024 when the Group were presented with the aim of the work and draft plans for an extensive place-based engagement. The feedback received was generally supportive of the aim, and also that the broad scope brings a challenge of how to deliver.

Summary

The second meeting of the Oversight Group gave an opportunity to hear updates on issues related to just transition for marine from NatureScot and the Just Transition Commission. Updates were also given on the Scottish Government (SG) climate change and just transition work.

The Marine Just Transition team updated on their work to date and proposals for future work. The Oversight Group members were invited to share their views on the proposals and were prompted to give feedback on the delivery aspects of engagement and outputs.

Attendees were supportive of the proposals for a revised scope of work termed 'Integration Plus', acknowledging that integration of just transition approaches across marine policy areas is valuable, and there is not necessarily a need for a new separate 'marine just transition' piece of work.

There was discussion about how the targeted engagement will have to be well thought through for maximum effectiveness, for example to consider stakeholder fatigue and the appetite from stakeholders to be engaged yet further.

There was discussion regarding the importance of joining up marine and terrestrial plans and strategies, and generally integrating into the many related ongoing pieces of work in SG. There are many workstreams currently underway in a number of related but different policy areas making the policy landscape complex for those trying to navigate it, such as small businesses, and there is value in pulling together existing policies and work.

Attendees also discussed the importance of developing an understanding of the role of government in delivering a just transition in general for sectors as well as for specific places and communities. There was some discussion that SG can support and set the direction, but it cannot deliver a just transition alone. A partnership approach to just transition planning and delivery flexing to local needs will be key. Regional just transition approaches appear to be well supported by the Oversight Group, and SG and partners need to consider how to best support the regions to develop and deliver a just transition within their communities.

There is an acknowledgement that we need to explore all levers available to us in SG to help support a marine just transition.

Actions and next steps

- [REDACTED – regulation 11] to circulate readout
- [REDACTED – regulation 11] to schedule next meeting (end of January/ start of February) and send out invites
- Marine Just Transition Team to take onboard the discussion and prepare plans for delivery for the next phase of work.

From: [REDACTED – regulation 11]

Sent: 28 October 2024 12:42

To: Deborah Long; Jake Molloy; Steven Thompson; [REDACTED – regulation 11]; Caroline Cowan; Malcolm Pentland; Catriona Laing; Lucy Law; Director of Marine ; Director of Offshore Wind ; [REDACTED – regulation 11]

Cc: [REDACTED – regulation 11]; Just Transition Commission [REDACTED – regulation 11]

Subject: RE: Marine Just Transition - oversight group - meeting 2

All,

Please see the attached slides that we will present at the marine just transition oversight group meeting on Wednesday 30 October. These slides are instead of a paper.

Best regards,

[REDACTED – regulation 11]

From: [REDACTED – regulation 11]

Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 5:02 PM

To: Deborah Long; Jake Molloy; Steven Thompson; [REDACTED – regulation 11]; Caroline Cowan; Malcolm Pentland; Catriona Laing; Lucy Law; Director of Marine ; Director of Offshore Wind ; [REDACTED – regulation 11]

Cc: [REDACTED – regulation 11]Just Transition Commission [REDACTED – regulation 11]

Subject: RE: Marine Just Transition - oversight group - meeting 2

All,

We are looking forward to the discussion at the marine just transition oversight meeting 2 on Wednesday 30 October at 11-12:30.

Please note that Annabel Turpie, Offshore Wind Director will need to leave at 12:00 and Deborah Long has sent apologies.

Welcome to Malcolm Pentland, Iain Wallace and Jake Molloy to their first meeting.

Please let me know if you have amendments or additions to the draft agenda below. A paper giving an update on the marine just transition work will be circulated soon, on Monday 28 October at the latest. A reminder that this is an informal meeting, and all ideas, updates and discussion is welcomed.

Draft Agenda

([REDACTED – regulation 11] to chair)

- 11:00 Introductions (10 mins)
- 11:10 Updates from Nature Scotland and Just Transition Commission on recent just transition work (10 mins)

- 11:20 Update on SG just transition/climate change work (Catriona) (10 mins)
- 11:30 Update from marine Just Transition team ([REDACTED – regulation 11]) (10 mins)
- 11:40 Discussion and feedback from oversight group ([REDACTED – regulation 11]) (estimate 40 mins)
- 12:20 next meetings, dates and format ([REDACTED – regulation 11]) (10 mins)
- 12:30 (latest finish)

Timing has been extended to 1 h 30 min following feedback from first oversight meeting.

Overview

Aim

The aim of the Just Transition work in Marine Directorate is to support marine sectors and coastal communities make the changes needed to reduce emissions, adapt to climate change and improve the marine environment for the benefit of all. These aims will help us to meet our net zero and biodiversity targets by 2045 as well as achieve a sustainable blue economy.

The function of the oversight group:

- provide advice on high level cross cutting issues
- provide advice on direction and prioritisation
- help project team define scope of work
- give authority to integrate just transition ways of working into different policy areas

The oversight group is part of the governance of the project and we expect to have informal meetings every three months.

The current membership of the oversight group:

Caro Cowan – DD – marine environment portfolio
 Malcolm Pentland – DD – marine economy and communities
 Lucy Law – DD – offshore wind
 Annabel Turpie – Director of offshore wind
 Iain Wallace – Director of Marine
 Catriona Liang – DD – Climate Change
 [REDACTED – regulation 11]
 Deborah Long (Scottish Environment Link)/Jake Molloy/Steven Thomson (SRUC) -
 Just Transition Commission

Many thanks,

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 Scottish Government, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ

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From: [REDACTED – regulation 11]

Sent: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 9:41 AM

To: [REDACTED – regulation 11]; Deborah Long; Jake Molloy; Steven Thomson;
[REDACTED – regulation 11]; Caroline Cowan; Malcolm Pentland; Catriona Laing;
Lucy Law; Director of Marine; Director of Offshore Wind; [REDACTED – regulation
11]

Cc: [REDACTED – regulation 11]; Just Transition Commission; [REDACTED –
regulation 11]

Subject: Marine Just Transition - oversight group - meeting 2

When: 30 October 2024 11:00-12:30 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon,
London.

Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

All,

We would like to invite you to the second meeting of the **marine just transition oversight group**.

The second meeting will be to give an update on progress and will seek your opinions and advice on the options for future delivery and outputs. Please let me know any other agenda items you would like to include.

More details and an agenda will be sent closer to the time.

Location to be confirmed.

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Marine Just Transition

Oversight group 30 October 2024

[REDACTED – regulation 11]
Scottish Government Marine Directorate

What are we trying to achieve?

Aim – to support **marine sectors** and **coastal communities** make the changes needed to *reduce emissions, adapt to climate change and improve the marine environment* for the benefit of all.



Climate adaptation
and resilience



Biodiversity and
Nature Positive



Net Zero

These aims will help Scotland to meet the net zero and biodiversity targets by 2045 as well as achieve a sustainable blue economy.

What have we done so far?

We have focused on **integrating just transition principles** into the work of marine policy teams. This includes:

- holding regular Interest Group meetings with colleagues from across SG and hosting cross-SG workshops
- maintaining strong working relationships with teams across MD including policy, analytical and science professionals
- operating strategically across the wider SG to ensure that marine interests are reflected in cross-government just transition approaches
- engaging externally through appropriate opportunities e.g. National Marine Plan 2 events
- creating resources for colleagues

Summary of first Oversight Group meeting

The marine just transition team presented their proposed project plans to you on 12 June which consisted of integration and engagement:

- integration of just transition principles and approach across all marine related work
- engagement in a place-based approach with a wide range of participants to identify barriers and solutions to achieving net zero, climate adaptation, protection of the marine environment

The group were supportive of the work and the proposed approach. However, it was noted that the wide scope would be a challenge to deliver.

We **listened to your feedback** and used it to develop a set of options.

We consider two of those options to be viable. We are proposing one of those and invite your thoughts.

Summary of viable options

Option 1: Integration

Embedding just transition approaches (e.g. participatory engagement and co-design) into marine policy work and ensuring marine work is captured in future SG just transition work

Option 2: Integration Plus

As scenario 1) Integration with some focused engagement to support integration work and development of a position statement on just transition and what it means for marine sectors and coastal communities



Evaluation of options 1 and 2

	Benefits	Risks
<p>Option 1: Integration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adhoc support and advice - just transition toolkit - review processes - external mediation - Cross SG working (regional JT work, showcasing marine) 	<p>Allows existing resources to be focused on ongoing policy commitments</p> <p>No requirement for additional resources</p> <p>Supports policy teams to consider just transition approaches and principles</p>	<p>Not doing any external engagement brings a reputational risk surrounding our commitment to Just Transition principles</p> <p>Our ability to effectively deliver integration is weakened if we do not engage on a shared marine JT vision and outcomes</p>
<p>Option 2: Integration Plus focused engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Online engagement with key representative stakeholders - Evening workshops with a few coastal communities - in person workshops with key representative stakeholders following on from the NMP2 futures workshops - Support cross-cutting work on pressures on fisheries 	<p>Some focused engagement enhances the delivery of the integration workstream:</p> <p>Provides an opportunity for clarity and stakeholder buy-in and improves understanding of what a just transition means for marine stakeholders</p> <p>Gives an opportunity to discuss shared ownership for marine just transition issues and better understand the role of MD, SG and other partners</p> <p>Showcases Marine Directorate and Scottish Government's commitment to JT principles to stakeholders</p>	<p>Requires more resource than option 1 dependent on level of engagement(s)</p> <p>Engagement risks overpromising to stakeholders on MD role in delivering a just transition which would need to be carefully managed in comms handling especially around questions of ownership of JT activity</p>

Proposal: Integration Plus

We consider some engagement with external stakeholders is necessary as it enhances the value of the ongoing integration work:

- improving our understanding of what a just transition means for marine sectors and coastal communities
- showcasing our commitment to just transition approaches and help improve trust and relationships with stakeholders

We will support future place-based just transition work to ensure marine issues are included and aligned with regional just transition planning.

What will we do next?

Oversight group
Incorporate feedback

30 October

Ministerial engagement
Decision on options
(activities and outputs)

November

Continue adhoc support
Showcase marine just transition
type work

Engagement and integration
plans update

Toolkit
review processes

Link in with wider SG regional
JT work



Discussion

We welcome feedback and advice on our proposal for future work

Q – Do you support some just transition focused engagement alongside our integration work?

Q – Any advice on delivery?

Q – Any concerns or general comments?

From: [REDACTED – regulation 11]

Sent: 30 September 2024 11:41

To: Deborah Long; Jake Molloy; Steven Thomson; [REDACTED – regulation 11]; Caroline Cowan; Malcolm Pentland; Catriona Laing; Lucy Law; Director of Marine ; Director of Offshore Wind

Cc: [REDACTED – regulation 11]; Just Transition Commission; [REDACTED – regulation 11]

Subject: Marine Just Transition Oversight Group meeting 2 - proposed dates 29 or 30 October

All,

We would like to invite you to the second meeting of the **marine just transition oversight group**. I attach the readout and slides from the first meeting. The second meeting will be to give an update on progress and will seek your opinions and advice on the options for future delivery and outputs. Please let me know any other agenda items you would like to include. More details and an agenda will be sent closer to the time.

Looking at calendars for SG colleagues the best dates and times are:

Tuesday 29 October 11:00-12:30

Wednesday 30 October 11:00-12:30

Please could Deborah, Jake, Steven, [REDACTED – regulation 11] let me know their availability as soon as possible?

Following feedback, we also invite Malcolm Pentland, deputy director for Marine Economy and Communities to join the group.

Also, please could everyone let me know if you would prefer **online** or **in person**?

Many thanks for your support of this group.

Best regards,

[REDACTED – regulation 11]

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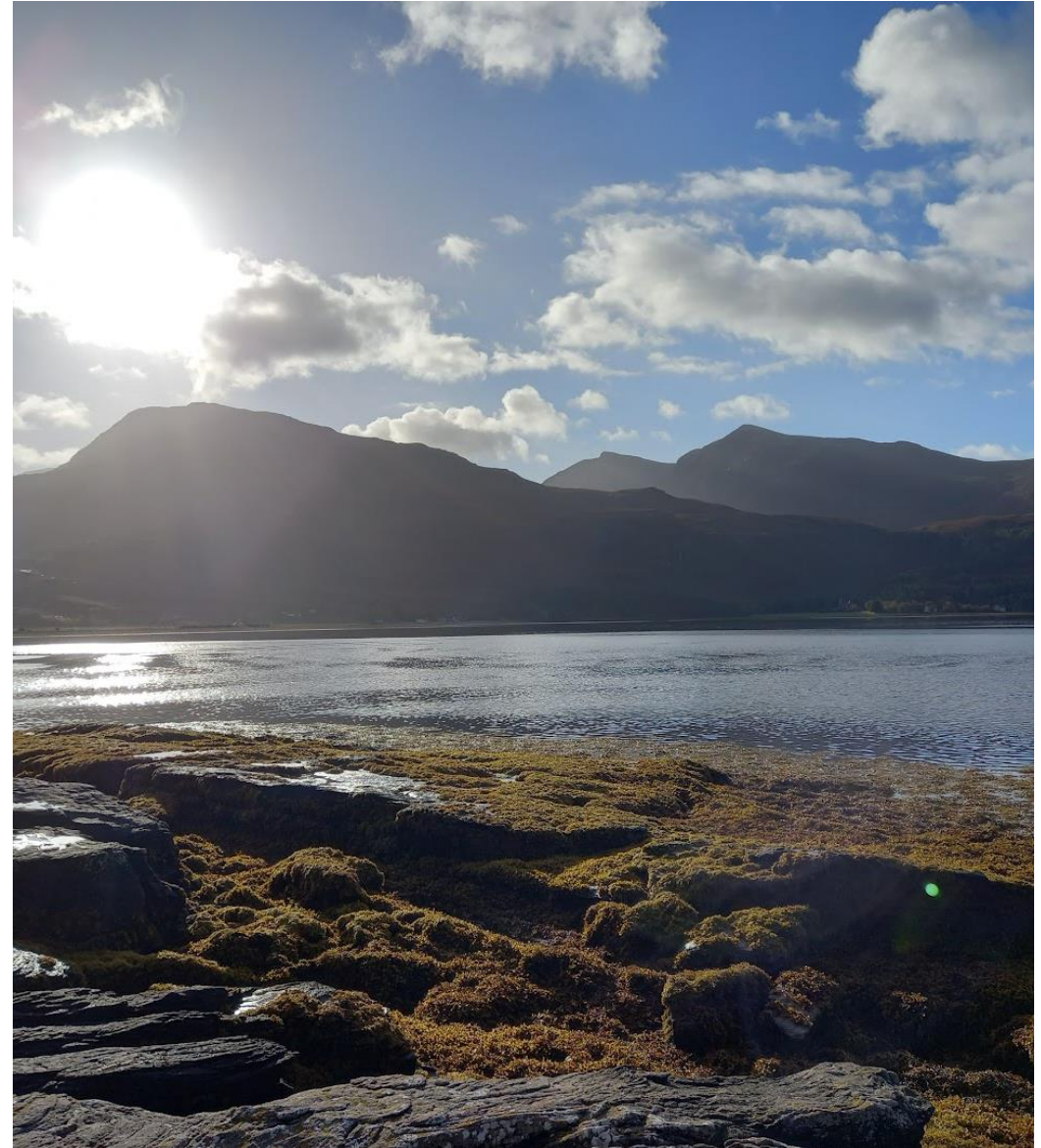
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Scottish Government Marine Directorate

What is a Just Transition?

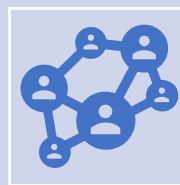
For the Scottish Government, a just transition is both the **outcome** – a fairer, greener future for all – and the **process** that must be undertaken in partnership with those impacted by the transition.



The Scottish Government's National Just Transition Outcomes



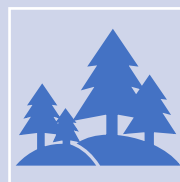
Jobs, Skills and Economic Opportunities – Scotland has a thriving **net zero economy**, enabling businesses to set up and grow sustainably. People are equipped with the **skills and opportunities** to access **good, green jobs** in a net zero economy.



Communities and Places – There should be accessible places for people to grow, investing in their environment and economy. Communities should be **empowered to reach net zero** in a way that meets their needs



People and Equity – People are able to enjoy basic rights, freedoms and **quality of life** and have access to necessities such as heat, food, housing, employment, childcare, and wider wellbeing.



Environment, Biodiversity and Adaptation – Our environment must meet the needs of those living in and depending on it – this includes both our natural and built environment. Our spaces must be **resilient** to the impacts of **climate change** and restore our **biodiversity**.

Just Transition across Scottish Government

The Scottish Government has released a number of policy publications of relevance to the achievement of the just transition, including:

- The draft Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan (ESJTP) [Draft ESJTP](#);
- discussion papers to lay the foundations for other sectoral Just Transition Plans:
- [Just transition for the transport sector: a discussion paper](#)
- [Just transition for the built environment and construction sector: a discussion paper](#)
- [Just transition in land use and agriculture: a discussion paper](#)
- [Just Transition for the Grangemouth industrial cluster: discussion paper](#)

Just Transition - Marine commitments



Climate Change Plan *

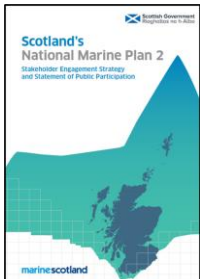
Future plans will include marine's role in mitigation and impact of climate change on marine issues

*Act 2019 - must follow Just Transition principles



Scottish National Adaptation Programme 3

Act 2009 – just transition wording not used, but the meaning is there



National Marine Plan 2

We are considering Just Transition principles in the development of our new National Marine Plan 2

Mandate letter TNZJT:-

"Publish Scotland's Biodiversity Strategy and first 5-year Delivery plan which will set out how we intend to deliver a Nature Positive Scotland through a Just Transition."

[Policy priority agreements - gov.scot](https://www.gov.scot/policy-priority-agreements)
(www.gov.scot)

What just transition work is needed in marine?

Internal SG workshop held August 2023 identified that MD need to:

- **rebuild relationships and trust** with marine sectors and work collaboratively on solutions building a sense of joint responsibility
- work across **multiple policy areas at once** – which brings a challenge of coordination
- cover **net zero, adaptation and biodiversity** – which brings a challenge of scope
- take a **place-based approach**

We know that there is a need:

- to address pressures on fisheries from **offshore wind** and **marine protections**
- for more **sustainable** marine sectors and coastal communities
- for **improved health of Scottish seas** (biodiversity and Good Environmental Status targets)

Ministerial green light to work on marine just transition and general agreement with approach (January 2024)



What are we trying to achieve?

Aim – to support **marine sectors** and **coastal communities** make the changes needed to *reduce emissions, adapt to climate change and improve the marine environment* for the benefit of all.



Climate adaptation
and resilience



Biodiversity and
Nature Positive



Net Zero

These aims will help Scotland to meet the net zero and biodiversity targets by 2045 as well as achieve a sustainable blue economy.

Q1 for Oversight Group – is the scope OK or too wide?

How are we going to do this?

Place-based approach to engagement to allow local solutions to be identified more readily

identify barriers and solutions to achieving net zero, climate adaptation, protection of marine environment

engage with a range of people including workers, community groups, businesses, young people

develop an engagement plan: phase 1 – testing approach with key partners, phase 2 – pilot approach

Integrate just transition approaches across all marine related work

Marine Just Transition Interest Group to share examples and experiences of just transition related working

work across SG to improve 'JT proof' SG processes – e.g. impact assessments, consultations processes, guidance

work with marine stakeholder group to coordinate engagement and reduce stakeholder fatigue

use robust evidence and communicate clearly and transparently

What have we done so far?

Engaged key stakeholders

- internal just transition workshop August 2023 to determine aims and scope
- workshop and presentation with NatureScot 13 March 2024
- introducing marine just transition work with a short presentation to external stakeholders at sector themed NMP2 high level objective workshops

Established multi-stakeholder groups

- building networks and governance structure (interest group and oversight group)
- marine just transition interest group meetings
 - 28 Feb 2024 – focus on identifying stakeholders
 - 3 April 2024 – focus on outputs

Developed resources

- building project – planning, team and tools – ADP, stakeholder tracker, action tracker
- marine Just Transition top lines
- marine just transition engagement plan in progress
- marine just transition integration plan in progress

Engaged ministers

- submission to introduce the work to ministers on 14 December 2023
- Meeting with Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Just Transition on 10 January where there was general agreement to proceed with approach and a need to consider outputs of the work

What will we do next?

progress integration and engagement plans

develop evidence strategy

develop a paper outlining options for deliverables – ministerial clearance

continue external engagement alongside NMP2

decide on places for pilot placed based engagement

consult Oversight Group on how to decide on which places to focus on



Discussion and feedback

Do you have any thoughts, comments or feedback for us?

Q1 – are the aims and scope OK or too wide?

E.g. marine sectors and coastal communities

E.g. net zero and climate resilience and biodiversity?

Q2 – how to decide on which places to focus on?

Q3 – thoughts on outputs and deliverables?

Oversight group

Provide advice:

- high level cross cutting issues
- direction and prioritisation
- scope and aims
- give authority to integrate just transition ways of working into different policy areas



Ways of working:

- informal advice
- meeting every 3 months – online or virtual?
- chair?
- terms of reference – as existing agreements – respect confidentiality
- Note of meeting - non-attributable
- other members?

Oversight Group – discussion on role and ways of working

Marine Just Transition Oversight Group – 12 June 2024 – Readout

Chair: [REDACTED – regulation 11], Scottish Government Marine Directorate

Attendees: [REDACTED – regulation 11], Scottish Government Marine Directorate

Catriona Laing, Scottish Government Energy and Climate Change Directorate

Caro Cowan, Scottish Government Marine Directorate

Deborah Long, Just Transition Commission

[REDACTED – regulation 11], NatureScot

Steven Thomson, Just Transition Commission

[REDACTED – regulation 11], NatureScot

[REDACTED – regulation 11], Scottish Government Marine Directorate

Lucy Law, Scottish Government Offshore Wind Directorate

Apologies: Jake Molloy, Just Transition Commission

Background

A Marine Just Transition Oversight Group has been formed to provide advice on high level cross cutting issues, provide advice on direction and prioritisation, to help project team define scope of work, and to give authority to integrate just transition ways of working into different policy areas. The oversight group will be part of the governance of the project and expect to hold informal meetings every three months.

Summary

The first meeting of the Oversight Group provided an opportunity for the Marine Just Transition team to update on their work. Group members were invited to share their views of the project and were prompted to feedback on the scope of the project.

Attendees were supportive of the work and the proposed approaches to place-based engagement and integration across marine policy work. Attendees agreed that the scope of the project is necessarily broad and that presents a challenge. Attendees emphasised that a project of this breadth demands concomitant capacity and resourcing. The marine just transition team were encouraged to consider how best to work with the other SG Just transition plans in development and collaborate with other organisations and sectors to build capacity.

Members were also invited to share thoughts on selecting a place for engagement pilot activity and shared some useful knowledge and contacts in response including the SG Carbon Neutral Islands team and emphasised the need for alignment and coordination across marine policy work where possible. Attendees also stressed the need for sensitivity around the language of ‘selecting’ a place to avoid the perception of JT as something being done to, rather than with, a community/place.

Actions and next steps

- [REDACTED – regulation 11] to circulate readout and share presentation slides
- [REDACTED – regulation 11] to arrange for next meeting to be longer than one hour
- [REDACTED – regulation 11] to schedule next meeting and send invites

From: [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Sent: 21 October 2024 15:26
To: [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Subject: FW: JTC Update - L&A JTP

Dear [REDACTED – regulation 11]

Many thanks again for sharing the update paper. Looking forward to the call next week.

Ahead of the meeting I thought it would be helpful to share some of the comments/feedback we've had from members, mainly Dave, Satwat and Steven Thomson at this stage -- there may be more to come, will share as they come in. Comments are in the attached, with a few further pieces of feedback as follows:

- The agricultural policy reform timetable has slipped significantly meaning the policies to be implemented and the form of future schemes remains uncertain – I am therefore unsure how this plan can fully evolve before the Rural Support Plan is completed.
- There is significant consultation fatigue out there and this should be a really strong JTP before being released else the consultees are expected to do the writing job and fill the gaps.
- This has a long way to go. Embedding much of the L&AJTP M&E into the evolving Rural Support Plan M&E would seem appropriate yet the Rural Support Plan is not mentioned in this document – nor the Code of Sustainable and Regenerative Agriculture or the proposals for community consultation in the Land Reform Bill, etc.
- Some strong elements of the Grangemouth draft JTP could helpfully be applied to this work.

Hope this is helpful.

Thanks

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Land use and Agriculture Just Transition Plan (LAJTP)

Purpose

1. To provide an update of progress towards consultation and an abridged version of the current consultation working document (available at annex A) and to seek the Commission's feedback regarding:
 - our engagement and co-development approach highlighted below and proposed consultation /plan framework
 - the challenges and opportunities to short and long term just transition monitoring and evaluation
 - how to secure ongoing and evolving engagement in the just transition journey

Context

2. This first Land use and Agriculture Just Transition Plan (LAJTP) is intended to take the form of a high-level, strategic document (considering and complementing existing legal frameworks) that stitches together policy action into an impactful, meaningful, overarching beginning to the Just Transition (JT) story. It will demonstrate that significant action is being taken now and will set the strategic direction of travel for future LAJTP plans.
3. It cannot answer all the questions facing rural Scotland out to 2045 but it can be the foundation on which the journey is built. This approach has been received with an element of understanding across the spectrum of audiences.
4. Reflecting the SG commitment that all plans will be 'co-designed and co-delivered' there has been extensive engagement to date, including 11 in-person community-based workshops, (with further details on engagement available at Annex B).
5. A consultation is anticipated to be published before the end of 2024 and is likely to run through the early part of 2025, with the intention to publish the first iteration of the Land use and Agriculture Just Transition Plan by the end of 2025.

LAJTP co-design and development

6. Our engagement to date has highlighted key themes that indicate some of the most pressing issues for the people of rural Scotland. We have used these themes and crossed referred them with the recommendation of the commission to develop the draft objectives which describe what the first plan action plan will seek to deliver (with further details on engagement available at Annex B).

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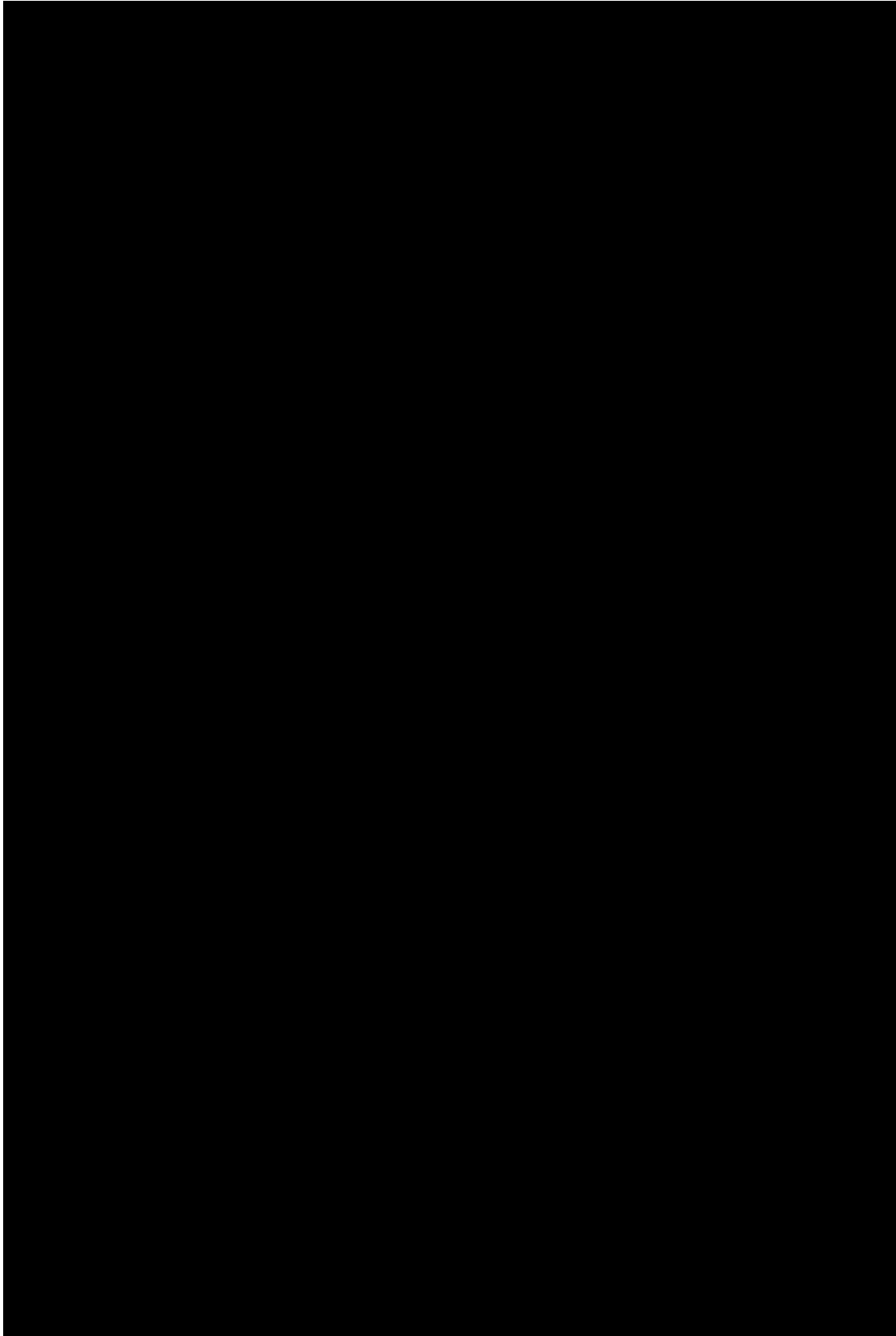
Land use and Agriculture Just Transition Plan (LAJTP)

The commissions feedback is welcomed on:

- our engagement and co-development approach highlighted below and proposed consultation /plan framework
- the challenges and opportunities to short and long term just transition monitoring and evaluation
- how to secure ongoing and evolving engagement in the just transition journey

Land use and Agriculture Just Transition Plan (LAJTP)

Abridged version of consultation working document



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Engagement to date

ANNEX B

The Scottish Government is committed to all plans being ‘co-designed and co-delivered’ to ensure all partners are empowered to engage, and that action is fair and co-ordinated. In delivering this, early co-development work focused on the format and content of the LAJTP, considering evidence requirements to provide context for the plan, the draft long-term sectoral outcomes and monitoring and evaluation. This included:

- Consideration of the broader JTC recommendations
- Discussions with the JTC Land and Agriculture sub-group
- Online and in-person sessions with members of the Agriculture and Rural Development (ARD) stakeholder group
- Conversations with a wide selection of internal SG policy teams
- Bespoke discussions with key external stakeholders including Scottish Environment Link, the Red Meat Resilience Group and the NFUS; and
- Seeking advice from the Academic Advisory Panel (AAP).

Latterly, the focus shifted to the barriers and opportunities to achieving a just transition for land use and agriculture, particularly from the perspective of people’s lived experiences. This was achieved through:

- Collaboration with central JT colleagues in the delivery of around 25 overarching events, (both in-person and online), across all the JT plan areas. This covered topics and groupings such as place based approaches, business groups, public bodies, social inclusion, and equalities
- A series of 11 in-person, community-based workshops, (including predominantly participants in land-based sectors), facilitated by the LAJTP team and Scottish Rural Network colleagues, and held in a variety of locations across Scotland; and
- Several bespoke online events that were held after the community workshops had concluded and arranged to try and ensure there were as few gaps as possible in stakeholder involvement. These included sessions with the National Rural Mental Health Forum, students from SRUC, the NFUS Next Generation Committee and Women in Agriculture.

Whilst a JT means something different to every person depending upon their circumstances and aspirations, comments received were around both the practicalities of the net zero journey and the approach, or ‘culture,’ needed to achieve it, to some extent mirroring the ‘outcome’ and ‘process’ elements of the SG definition of a JT. Many of the insights received could apply across more than one policy area. However, subject to these limitations, clear themes have emerged. These themes have been cross referenced against the briefings and recommendations of the JTC as illustrated in **figure 1** below.

Land use and Agriculture Just Transition Plan (LAJTP)

Figure 1



Objectives for the first Land and Agriculture JT Plan

This work has identified seven overarching themes which have been used to establish the first plan objectives:

- **Education** – everyone needs to understand the value of food and how to produce it sustainably and regeneratively as well as being aware of how interconnected rural activities are and how farming and land use impacts upon the wider environment.
- **Communication** - stakeholders want clarity about what needs to be done, why it needs to be done and how, so that people understand their role. Communication needs to be clear, open, and far reaching to let people take appropriate action.
- **Local focus** - it is important that people who have the knowledge and understand the locality are involved in the decision-making process, and the provision of local food, for local consumption, deserves greater attention and support.
- **Respect and value** - much rural activity uses traditional practices that are good for the environment, and this should be recognised. Rural communities, especially on the islands, take great pride in their ability to be self-sufficient but living in rural areas brings challenges. We must respect those challenges and have realistic expectations.
- **Collaboration** - collaboration is important at all levels, even between groups that have traditionally taken opposing positions. Getting to net zero requires everyone to work together.
- **Innovation** - plays a crucial part in achieving net zero. It can produce a step-change in how we approach climate change, but existing regulation stifles it.
- **Equity** - much of the burden of achieving net zero will fall to the more sparsely populated rural areas. Capacity to act is restricted by limited infrastructure and poor access to land, housing and jobs, something felt more acutely by younger people who need to be supported to overcome those inequalities.

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Sent: 29 October 2024 13:13
To: [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Cc: [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Subject: RE: JTC paper - update and abridged working LAJTP consultation doc

Thanks [REDACTED – regulation 11], appreciate it. Should have new invite now for 3pm.

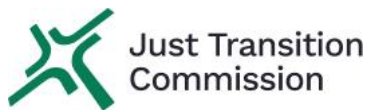
In terms of agenda; are you guys okay to do a bit of scene setting / overview of things, before opening it up for discussion?

We'll confirm attendees with you in advance.

We've also received some comments on the draft from Deborah Long, please find in the attached.

Many thanks
[REDACTED – regulation 11]

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To: [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Cc: [REDACTED – regulation 11]
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Hi [REDACTED – regulation 11],

Just spoken with [REDACTED – regulation 11]. Happy to move to 4 Nov. The 12:00 or 15:00 hr slots would be ideal but 14:00 is also quite acceptable if JTC would prefer that. (It's only me that has something in at that time and it's not a high priority!)

Regards,

[REDACTED – regulation 11]

Senior Land Use Policy Officer | Land Use Portfolio and Policy Unit
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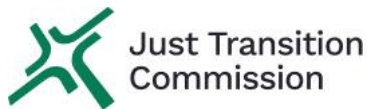
Hi both

Apologies but we have had a few drop outs from our scheduled session on Thursday – we were wondering if it would be possible to re-schedule for next Monday (4th Nov) – 12, 2 or 3pm?

Sorry to be having to re-arrange this.

Many thanks
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To: [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Cc: [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Subject: RE: JTC paper - update and abridged working LAJTP consultation doc

Hi [REDACTED – regulation 11],

Yes, that would be absolutely fine. Many thanks for organising.

Regards,

[REDACTED – regulation 11]
Senior Land Use Policy Officer | Land Use Portfolio and Policy Unit
Directorate for Agriculture and the Rural Economy

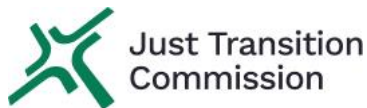
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Hi [REDACTED – regulation 11]

How would 31st October suit, an hour between 1 and 4pm?

Many thanks
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To: [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Cc: [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Subject: RE: JTC paper - update and abridged working LAJTP consultation doc

Hi [REDACTED – regulation 11],

Responding on behalf of [REDACTED – regulation 11], who will be away on leave next week.

We're open to suggestions about when best to meet but from our perspective it would be preferable if it was a date after 21 October.

Hope that's helpful.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED – regulation 11]

Senior Land Use Policy Officer | Land Use Portfolio and Policy Unit
Directorate for Agriculture and the Rural Economy



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From: [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2024 11:09 AM
To: [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Cc: [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Subject: RE: JTC paper - update and abridged working LAJTP consultation doc

Hi [REDACTED – regulation 11]

Thanks for sending this over – can I just confirm if we are looking to set-up a meeting when would be best for you guys?

Many thanks
[REDACTED – regulation 11]

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From: [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Sent: Friday, September 27, 2024 9:49 AM
To: [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Cc: [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Subject: JTC paper - update and abridged working LAJTP consultation doc
Importance: High

Morning both,

As promised (fair enough a little later than we hoped) please find attached a PDF of an LAJTP update paper and an abridged version of the LAJTP consultation working document that can be shared with the JTC ahead of any discussion with them.

Any questions just give us a shout and have a great weekend when it comes.

[REDACTED – regulation 11]

[REDACTED – regulation 11] Head of Land Use Strategy, Regional Land Use Partnerships and Land Use and Agriculture Just Transition Plan.
Victoria Quay
[REDACTED – regulation 11]

Comments on draft 2 of Land use and Agriculture JT Plan: 28 October 2024:

Good bits:

The golden thread - and the structure of the plan – I like this.

Recurrent theme: biodiversity and nature positive is pretty invisible throughout. That should be a second golden thread.

On the specific questions to JTC:

- **our engagement and co-development approach highlighted below and proposed consultation /plan framework**

In the why do we need a JT section: there is an opportunity to be much clearer on the benefits of adaptation to climate change and role of the LUandA sector in delivering adaptation. Restricting nature restoration to a bullet point of an additional delivery need minimises the much bigger and inspiring opportunity of adaptation. Using it to inspire action is a much more positive approach than lumping it in as yet another thing the sector has to deliver on. The JT is not just about removing carbon – it is about restoring nature too. And that is much more inspiring to people.

This should also be a key point in the fit with other govt activity: adaptation, biodiversity strategy and delivery plans, community benefits and wealth building etc.

The graphic is a good idea but runs the danger of getting too simplified or limited to numerical data. Use it to inspire action instead by reminding us all about the non utilitarian benefits of land use – it's about much more than productivity because it should also refer to unique ecosystems, green space access, wellbeing through natural environment. It's not just about agriculture and forestry, which is what the example graphic implies.

Why we need change: don't forget the need to meet the Global Biodiversity Framework targets too. Better to include this now rather than having to add it in at a later stage, ie within the next few months.

Draft vision: what does 'better integration' mean? It seems a bit odd added in at the end. Better to say:

Our plans and decisions about land use deliver improved and enduring benefits for nature and climate and enhance the wellbeing of our nation.

How do we get there section:

I think it would be helpful to be clear about what the related areas to land use and agriculture actually are.

In the adaptation and environment section: this could be so much more inspiring. Include: restored biodiversity and ecosystems increase people's health and wellbeing,. Woodland, grassland, upland and freshwater ecosystems are healthy and resilient to climate change. Species thrive in healthy habitats and are able to survive so that future generations can enjoy them too.

In the stakeholder engagement bit – include how communities and individuals have been able to contribute to the plan – they are the ones who will be impacted. The example stakeholder engagement only refers to the 'professional policy audience'. If you say co design, you really have to demonstrate it including those who will be impacted.

What we have heard: it would be good to have something about future generations and what they will need.

Objectives and insights: this is a good approach at this stage to reflect the objectives through the comments received so far. Good to see actions coming out of these. Happy to comment once they are more advanced.

Illustrative journeys – I can see how these would be very helpful. Happy to comment once they are drafted.

- **the challenges and opportunities to short and long term just transition monitoring and evaluation**

I agree that the short term monitoring requirement and the longer term ones are different. This looks sensible as far it currently goes and I'm happy to comment on the outcomes and data sets as they develop. I will be of most use in the environment outcomes and data sets.

- **how to secure ongoing and evolving engagement in the just transition journey**

I think bringing out the biodiversity and nature restoration side of the question would inspire engagement and support for significant actions. This is also where future generations – both young people today but also unborn generations will have the closest engagement. Of the 7

overarching themes, it is hard to see where biodiversity and the inspiration, well being and better health of a restored and fully functioning environment fits. It is a gap that if filled would engage and inspire action.

Dr Deborah Long deborah@scotlink.org

From: [REDACTED – regulation 11]

Sent: 27 September 2024 09:49

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Subject: JTC paper - update and abridged working LAJTP consultation doc

Importance: High

Morning both,

As promised (fair enough a little later than we hoped) please find attached a PDF of an LAJTP update paper and an abridged version of the LAJTP consultation working document that can be shared with the JTC ahead of any discussion with them.

Any questions just give us a shout and have a great weekend when it comes.

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Land use and Agriculture Just Transition Plan (LAJTP)

Purpose

1. To provide an update of progress towards consultation and an abridged version of the current consultation working document (available at annex A) and to seek the Commission's feedback regarding:
 - our engagement and co-development approach highlighted below and proposed consultation /plan framework
 - the challenges and opportunities to short and long term just transition monitoring and evaluation
 - how to secure ongoing and evolving engagement in the just transition journey

Context

2. This first Land use and Agriculture Just Transition Plan (LAJTP) is intended to take the form of a high-level, strategic document (considering and complementing existing legal frameworks) that stitches together policy action into an impactful, meaningful, overarching beginning to the Just Transition (JT) story. It will demonstrate that significant action is being taken now and will set the strategic direction of travel for future LAJTP plans.
3. It cannot answer all the questions facing rural Scotland out to 2045 but it can be the foundation on which the journey is built. This approach has been received with an element of understanding across the spectrum of audiences.
4. Reflecting the SG commitment that all plans will be 'co-designed and co-delivered' there has been extensive engagement to date, including 11 in-person community-based workshops, (with further details on engagement available at Annex B).
5. A consultation is anticipated to be published before the end of 2024 and is likely to run through the early part of 2025, with the intention to publish the first iteration of the Land use and Agriculture Just Transition Plan by the end of 2025.

LAJTP co-design and development

6. Our engagement to date has highlighted key themes that indicate some of the most pressing issues for the people of rural Scotland. We have used these themes and crossed referred them with the recommendation of the commission to develop the draft objectives which describe what the first plan action plan will seek to deliver (with further details on engagement available at Annex B).



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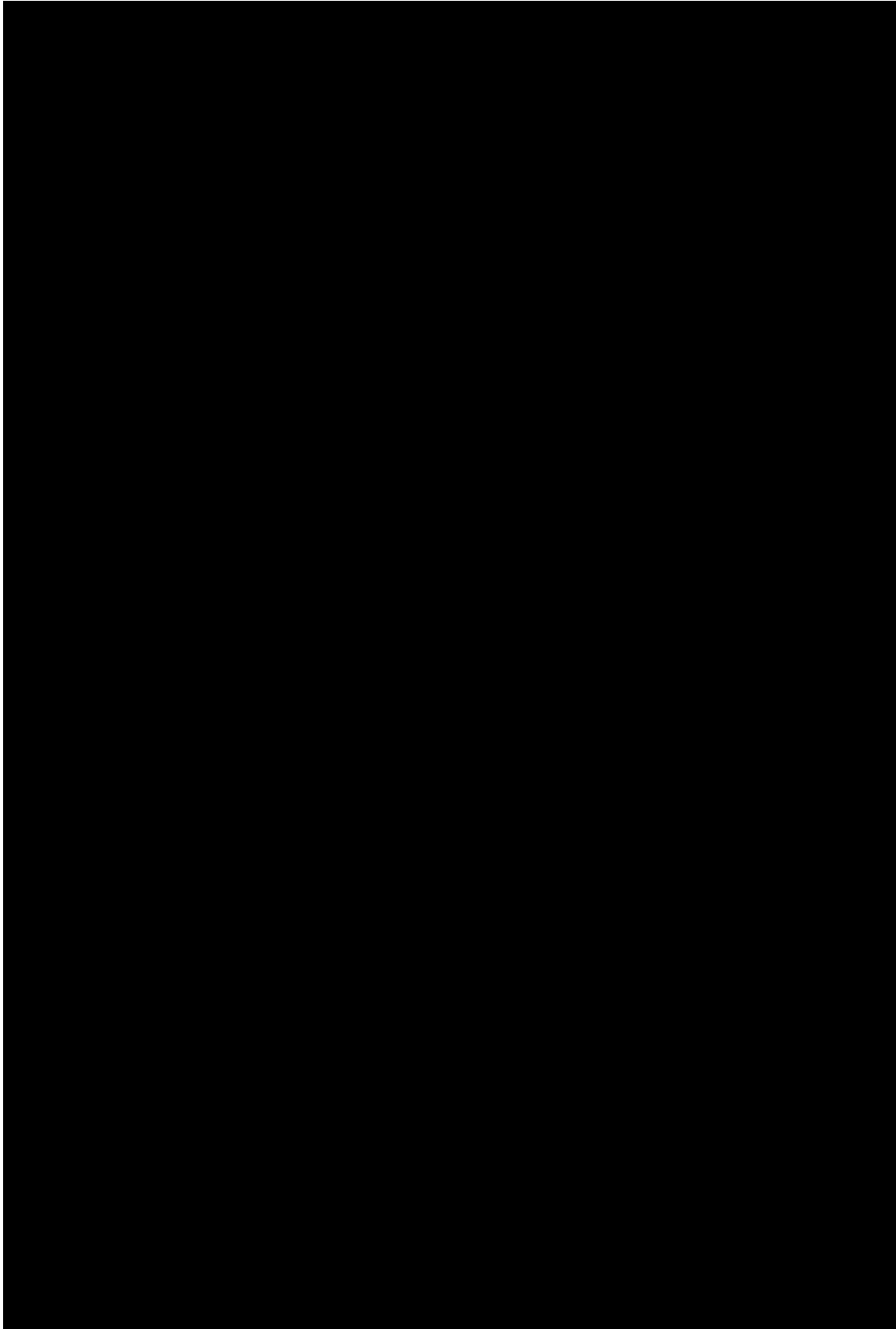
Land use and Agriculture Just Transition Plan (LAJTP)

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- the challenges and opportunities to short and long term just transition monitoring and evaluation
- how to secure ongoing and evolving engagement in the just transition journey

Land use and Agriculture Just Transition Plan (LAJTP)

Abridged version of consultation working document



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Land use and Agriculture Just Transition Plan (LAJTP)

Engagement to date

ANNEX B

The Scottish Government is committed to all plans being ‘co-designed and co-delivered’ to ensure all partners are empowered to engage, and that action is fair and co-ordinated. In delivering this, early co-development work focused on the format and content of the LAJTP, considering evidence requirements to provide context for the plan, the draft long-term sectoral outcomes and monitoring and evaluation. This included:

- Consideration of the broader JTC recommendations
- Discussions with the JTC Land and Agriculture sub-group
- Online and in-person sessions with members of the Agriculture and Rural Development (ARD) stakeholder group
- Conversations with a wide selection of internal SG policy teams
- Bespoke discussions with key external stakeholders including Scottish Environment Link, the Red Meat Resilience Group and the NFUS; and
- Seeking advice from the Academic Advisory Panel (AAP).

Latterly, the focus shifted to the barriers and opportunities to achieving a just transition for land use and agriculture, particularly from the perspective of people’s lived experiences. This was achieved through:

- Collaboration with central JT colleagues in the delivery of around 25 overarching events, (both in-person and online), across all the JT plan areas. This covered topics and groupings such as place based approaches, business groups, public bodies, social inclusion, and equalities
- A series of 11 in-person, community-based workshops, (including predominantly participants in land-based sectors), facilitated by the LAJTP team and Scottish Rural Network colleagues, and held in a variety of locations across Scotland; and
- Several bespoke online events that were held after the community workshops had concluded and arranged to try and ensure there were as few gaps as possible in stakeholder involvement. These included sessions with the National Rural Mental Health Forum, students from SRUC, the NFUS Next Generation Committee and Women in Agriculture.

Whilst a JT means something different to every person depending upon their circumstances and aspirations, comments received were around both the practicalities of the net zero journey and the approach, or ‘culture,’ needed to achieve it, to some extent mirroring the ‘outcome’ and ‘process’ elements of the SG definition of a JT. Many of the insights received could apply across more than one policy area. However, subject to these limitations, clear themes have emerged. These themes have been cross referenced against the briefings and recommendations of the JTC as illustrated in **figure 1** below.

Land use and Agriculture Just Transition Plan (LAJTP)

Figure 1



Objectives for the first Land and Agriculture JT Plan

This work has identified seven overarching themes which have been used to establish the first plan objectives:

- **Education** – everyone needs to understand the value of food and how to produce it sustainably and regeneratively as well as being aware of how interconnected rural activities are and how farming and land use impacts upon the wider environment.
- **Communication** - stakeholders want clarity about what needs to be done, why it needs to be done and how, so that people understand their role. Communication needs to be clear, open, and far reaching to let people take appropriate action.
- **Local focus** - it is important that people who have the knowledge and understand the locality are involved in the decision-making process, and the provision of local food, for local consumption, deserves greater attention and support.
- **Respect and value** - much rural activity uses traditional practices that are good for the environment, and this should be recognised. Rural communities, especially on the islands, take great pride in their ability to be self-sufficient but living in rural areas brings challenges. We must respect those challenges and have realistic expectations.
- **Collaboration** - collaboration is important at all levels, even between groups that have traditionally taken opposing positions. Getting to net zero requires everyone to work together.
- **Innovation** - plays a crucial part in achieving net zero. It can produce a step-change in how we approach climate change, but existing regulation stifles it.
- **Equity** - much of the burden of achieving net zero will fall to the more sparsely populated rural areas. Capacity to act is restricted by limited infrastructure and poor access to land, housing and jobs, something felt more acutely by younger people who need to be supported to overcome those inequalities.

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Subject: Transport Just Transition Plan - update paper

Dear JTC secretariat,

As previously discussed, we've attached a brief paper providing an update on the development of a draft Transport Just Transition Plan. We'd be grateful if you could circulate this to the Commission.

The paper outlines the scope, proposed content, approach to engagement and & co-design and the next steps towards a publication at the end of the year.

We would welcome comments about any aspect of this, but have provided some more specific questions where we would particularly value the Commission's expertise. We will work with you to look for an opportunity to discuss these topics with the Commission in the coming weeks, to help inform the finalisation of the consultation document. We will also seek a further session with the JTC in late November to brief them ahead of the publication of the draft.

Regards,

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Transport Just Transition Plan: Update (September 24)

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1. Overview

This briefing paper shares our current thinking on a draft JTP for transport, as we continue to prepare a document for publication and formal consultation (December tbc). It provides an overview of agreed policy areas to be included in the draft and additional work to explore key outstanding issues.

2. Input from the Just Transition Commission

In addition to general views on the emerging action areas and general approach described below, the JTC’s insight on the following questions would be particularly useful. There are three groups of questions: (1) specific queries around the contents of the draft plan, (2) general questions about successfully landing the document (3) our approach to co-design and engagement.

2.1 Specific questions on Plan contents

a) Business

- i. Does the JTC have a view on how best to ensure that industry works collaboratively to share knowledge on approaches to decarbonisation, especially SMEs?
- ii. Our economic research has identified the manufacture of net zero heavy duty vehicles and production of Hydrogen and Sustainable Aviation Fuel as potential growth opportunities for Scotland – how can we use place-based approaches to ensure economic opportunities are available across the whole of Scotland?

b) Workers

- i. Do the priorities we have identified in further and higher education capacity building and representing transport skills gaps in national skills planning seem correct?
- ii. How can we continue to encourage industry to follow up on actions, such as mapping skills needs against future technology development and taking the opportunity of the transition in the sector to attract a more diverse workforce?
- iii. Are there lessons we can apply from other sectors and how best to incorporate region-specific issues in national skills development?

c) People & Communities

- i. The JTC recommended a redistributive strategy for the transport transition. We have been doing additional work to consider redistribution in the context of wealth, geography and workers. Given the breadth of the issues and limited resources, do you have a view on particular redistribution priorities?
- ii. Reflecting on relevant recommendations in the JTC's recent investment report, can the Commission point to examples of new funding models that could deliver the required investment, in the context of redistributive policies in transition costs?

2.2 Landing the document

- a) Recognising current fiscal constraints across the public sector, can JTC offer any advice on how best to ensure buy-in?
- b) How might we best communicate an iterative approach to JT planning and make sure that this draft Plan informs future policy development and decision making?

2.3 Approach to co-design

- a) Would JTC support the proposed regional/place-based lens for co-design and would the Commission's regional work consider routes for co-design across the sectors?
- b) What solutions would the JTC propose to maximise existing resources if the approach to co-design were more expansive?
- c) Is there an alternative route that could be considered, or any potential risks/unintended consequences to consider within the proposed approach?

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss these topics in the coming weeks to help inform the finalisation of the draft TJTP. We would also seek a further session with the JTC in late November to brief them ahead of the publication of the draft.

3. Scope of December's Draft TJTP

3.1 Aims

The draft Transport Just Transition Plan (TJTP) is being developed using the [National Just Transition Planning Framework](#) and building on the approach committed to in [the transport just transition discussion paper](#) in June 2023.

We will publish a draft plan at the end of the year (tbc) for formal consultation. The draft will be informed by the outputs of the broad public engagement programme undertaken in 2023 and some additional targeted engagement on workforce and skills issues. Further engagement and co-design will be undertaken during the consultation period before a finalised plan is published. The first iteration draft TJTP will aim to:

- (a) **define the vision and just transition outcomes** for the transport sector, informed by wide engagement & setting our approach to co-design
- (b) **set out initial actions** (for SG and others) that support a just transition for the transport sector in the coming years and existing programmes already directly contributing to a just transition in the sector
- (c) **acknowledge any residual significant gaps and clearly articulate how the long-term outcomes** will inform future policy development and funding decisions with emphasis on the interactive nature of just transition planning

3.2 Publication

The draft will have three components:

3.2.1 Core Document:

A concise consultation document (c. 20-30 pages) will be written in plain English for a general reader, synthesising the wide range of related policy areas and interests into a succinct, coherent narrative. The draft will be structured according to the JTP framework, i.e. context, vision, actions, monitoring & evaluation and the content across all sections will, where appropriate, be grouped by audience (business, worker, community & people).

3.2.2 Open Consultation:

This will be held on the Citizen Space site with a set of questions for a general audience on the contents and scope of the draft plan. The number of questions will be limited to reduce the resource required to respond – we will engage with key stakeholders on the draft questions as part of our approach to co-design. We will produce an engagement strategy and work with stakeholders to identify opportunities to discuss/signpost to the consultation to maximise the breadth of feedback. A soft launch is proposed for December (tbc), with an appropriate launch event in the new year following the festive period. Taking account of the holiday period the consultation will be extended beyond the minimum 12 week requirement.

3.2.3 Supporting materials:

- i. Technical Annexes: will provide supporting and technical information, aimed at policy makers and subject experts. These will include:
 1. Full set of Just Transition outcomes for sector
 2. Engagement and Co-design
 3. Monitoring and Evaluation – including proposed indicators
 4. Jobs and skills
 5. Fleet transition / businesses

6. People and Equity
 7. Communities and Place
 8. Environment, Adaptation and Biodiversity
- ii. Illustrative Journeys: aimed at Businesses, Workers and Communities
 - iii. Fact Sheets: relaying key stats about the sector and the just transition planning process.
 - iv. Impact Assessments: an accompanying suite of relevant preliminary impact assessments will also be completed for the draft.

4. Content of Draft TJTP

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5. Engagement & Co-Design

5.1 Engagement on a just transition in Transport

Last summer's Transport discussion paper was used as the basis for wide ranging engagement (with public sector, businesses, workers and trade unions, and communities across Scotland). Over 1,300 people were engaged in-person or online at over 100 events. Including approx. 460 young people, at least 50 adults from "less engaged" groups and over 50 Gaelic speakers. An estimated 30% of individuals engaged were rural residents, and specific supported events were organised with trusted messengers to reach e.g. lower income households and single parents. In addition, an estimated 1,400 participants took part in the national Eco-Congregations engagement programme. Discussion papers were produced in Easy Read, BSL and Gaelic formats with emphasis placed on ensuring capacity building and shared understanding were established at the outset of events. At least 270 organisations were represented across public and private sector. Specific Transport themes highlighted include:

- Widespread concerns about the **fairness, accessibility and reliability** of the current public transport network though specific issues may differ across rural, semi-urban and within large urban areas;
- Inherent **tension between pace and fairness of the transition** which needs to be addressed, so that they are not felt to be in opposition and the most vulnerable are protected.
- Strong support for a **place-based approach** which empowers communities to be meaningfully involved in decisions around transport planning, service provision and demand management interventions, especially given the complexities of remote connectivity;
- Government must **demonstrate leadership and transparency** to encourage people and organisations to trust and engage with policy development, especially where it relates to disincentivising private vehicle use;
- The need for **enabling such infrastructure and service improvements** to precede the implementation of car use reduction measures, and for those to be redistributive in order to be fair and just;
- The need to **increase diversity and involve a more representative set of lived experiences** and needs across planning, policy and delivery professions, upholding Fair Work principles.

- **Ensuring resilience** of the transport infrastructure and operations to climate impacts and a desire to increase biodiversity through improved green space and via nature-based solutions space in active travel infrastructure;
- The need for **transport training provision to be accessible** to both the existing workforce and new entrants, ensuring Scotland can deliver on the challenges of increased demand, widening access to transport for the most vulnerable currently under-served groups, adopting and maintaining new technology, including new infrastructure and fuels;
- **Support for fleet owners** (across different transport modes) and businesses to transition their vehicles.
- Industry recognition of need **to work collaboratively with public sector** and green finance, fostering innovative businesses, investing in R&D across fuels, manufacturing, and adaptive technology.

The JTC's own engagement and subsequent [Transport Brief](#) recommended a 'whole system approach' to decarbonisation focusing on public transport and demand management (vehicle use reduction) complemented by a redistributive strategy to achieve public consent.

5.2 Additional engagement ahead of draft publication

There is scope for some further engagement ahead of draft publication focused on the findings of the additional work undertaken on jobs and skills. This will include sessions on:

- **HDV skills requirements:** An online session testing the findings of the evidence review and exploring skills requirements for HDV's and the role government should play
- **Regional Challenges:** 2 to 3 in person session to be held in key transport location identifying specific regional challenges and potential solution for small independent businesses to adequately re/upskill

5.3 Conclusions

These views and lived experiences have guided our approach to developing the Transport Just Transition Plan, so that we have:

- set out the scale of challenges transparently; and
- highlighted existing gaps in policy; and
- provided clarity of expectations on the roles and responsibilities of individuals and workers, businesses and public sector organisations, and communities.

The engagement will inform the impact assessments that will be published alongside the Plan. A full summary of the relevant engagement outputs and approach to co-design will be provided as an annex to the draft TJTP published for consultation.

5.4 Approach to Co-design

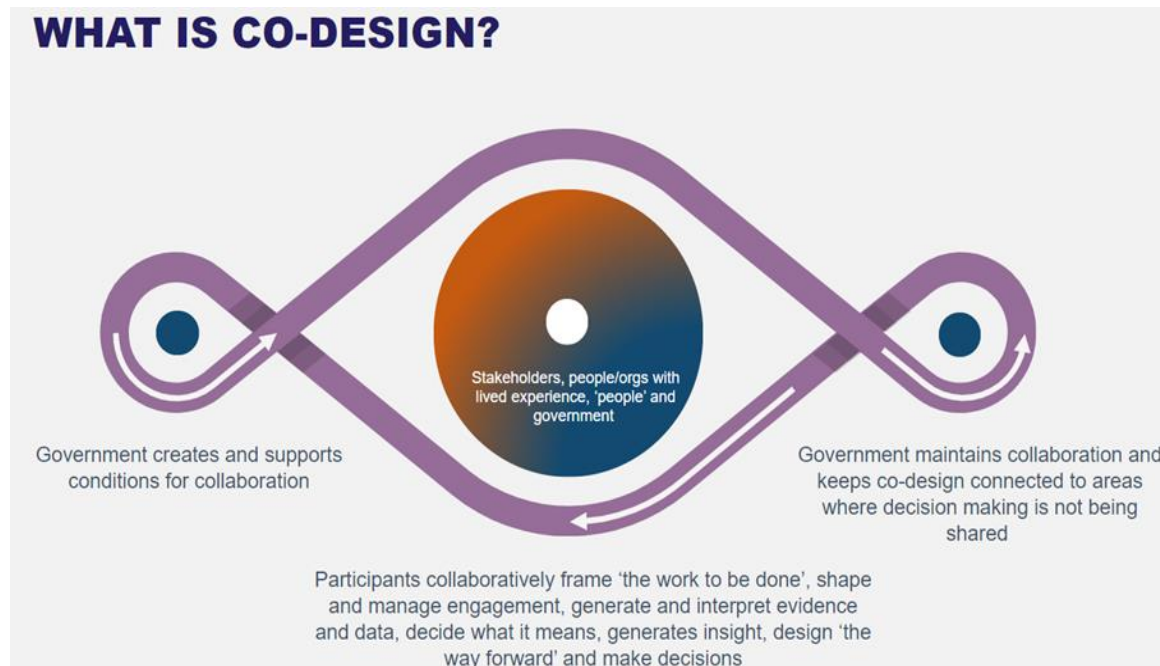


Figure: Example of co-design in Scottish Government (Office of the Chief Designer, DHSC)

The engagement programme produced valuable insights which have framed the “work to be done”¹ and highlighted that discussion and collaboration needs to continue beyond the consultation. Based on these insights we propose that the approach to co-design should reflect the strong steer from the engagement to reflect regionality and adopt a place-based approach while considering challenges through a “systems change” lens. Therefore, the final TJTP should propose potential routes for meaningful engagement and co-design which empower communities to influence interconnections and complex issues. These routes should enable cross-policy working, while making the best possible use of existing engagement structures.

In the context of our proposed approach to co-design, we have heard that the final Transport Just Transition Plan should:

- Feel like it was created for everyone, regardless of whether they are directly involved in engagement; and
- set out a shared vision for Scotland that reflects unique regional characteristics, to guide actions at a local level; and
- approach co-design in a targeted way, where people will be able to see their views and needs reflected in “real life” changes; and
- commit to creating the conditions for local or regional needs to be met in a way that reflects the national vision without trying to apply a “one-size fits all” policy.

The consultation on the draft Plan will provide an opportunity for stakeholders to consider the evidence we’ve collated thus far, as well as shape the above proposals.

¹ Alongside the independent Just Transition Commission briefings and research commissioned by Scottish Government and wider engagement undertaken by Transport Scotland where relevant to achieving just transition outcomes

Our approach to later stages of co-design, where people and stakeholders are supported to “design the way forward” will depend on the outcomes of consultation, though the consultation document will provide some case studies as examples. The Scottish Government Participation Handbook sets out a hierarchy which will continue to frame our approach to wider collaboration.

	Activity	Offer to participants	Purpose
<u>INFORM</u>	To provide the public with balanced and objective information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will keep you informed We will provide information openly and transparently We will not withhold relevant information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To inform those with an interest in the outcome (i.e. the public and stakeholder groups)
<u>CONSULT</u>	To obtain feedback on analysis, alternatives, proposals and/or decisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will keep you informed We will listen to and acknowledge your concerns and aspirations We will give serious consideration to your contributions We will be open to your influence We will provide feedback on how your input has influenced the outcome 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To inform those making the decision or developing proposals
<u>INVOLVE</u>	To work directly with participants throughout the policy / decision making process to ensure that their concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will keep you informed We will work with you to ensure that your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the outcome / alternatives developed We will provide feedback on how your input has influenced the outcome 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To enable participants to directly influence the decision / options developed
<u>COLLABORATE</u>	To partner with participants in each aspect of the decision, including defining the issue, developing alternatives and identifying preferred solutions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will look to you for advice and innovation in formulating solutions We will incorporate your advice and recommendations into decision / implementation to the maximum extent possible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To share the development and decision making process (as much as possible)
<u>DELEGATE</u>	To place final decision-making in the hands of the participants - to delegate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will implement what you decide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To hand over the ability to make decisions and / or take action

Figure : Participation Hierarchy (SG Participation Handbook)

6. Next Steps

6.1 Timeline to publication of draft

Officials have begun drafting the document and supporting materials following the conclusion of the additional work over the summer. This will continue to be refined in response to internal clearance processes over the coming months. We also intend to engage with the Climate Policy Engagement Network (CPEN) in the coming weeks on the consultation questions for the draft plan.

Following the consultation on the draft plan we intend to publish the final plan in Summer 2025.

As outlined in previous correspondence with the JTC we are staggering publication of draft sectoral just transition plans with Land Use and Agriculture and Transport by the end of 2025 and Built Environment and Construction next year. This approach reflects available resource whilst also ensuring that sufficient time and focus is dedicated to the development of each. A separate update on the Land Use and Agriculture Plan will also be provided shortly.

We would welcome the opportunity to provide a detailed update on our plans for the consultation period for the TJTP at a follow-up discussion with the JTC in November.

Shared in confidence – for Just Transition Commission consideration only

As part of our ongoing engagement with the JTC on monitoring and evaluation we will also share the updated just transition outcomes for transport in due course.

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Subject: FW: Transport Just Transition Plan comments from Dave

Morning all,

Sending on some initial feedback from the JTC (i.e. Dave Reay) on the Transport update paper for sight. We can also pick up at our pre-meet later on

Thanks

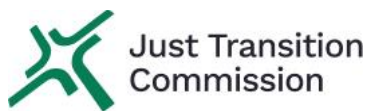
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Subject: Transport Just Transition Plan comments from Dave

Hey – I mentioned last week that Dave had made some comments on the transport doc but wouldn't be able to make the meeting. He's now sent through some written content; he's marked up comments in the paper, along with another doc with some responses to the specific questions

Many thanks
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- ii. Our economic research has identified the manufacture of net zero heavy duty vehicles and production of Hydrogen and Sustainable Aviation Fuel as potential growth opportunities for Scotland – how can we use place-based approaches to ensure economic opportunities are available across the whole of Scotland?*

Those two potential opportunities will inevitably have most direct relevance to specific areas (e.g. Central belt and east coast). Fine to make the most of them, but for ‘whole of Scotland’ it’s more about supply chains, SMEs, and what folk see and experience locally. So, for me, the emphasis needs to be on biggest risks to businesses in transport sector across Scotland right now (EV transition and impact on vehicle maintenance workforce; resilience of transport links and impact on remote businesses). Realise this is more of a negative starting point but having a TJTP that overtly acknowledges those risks and sets out how they will be mitigated is, for me, as if not more important than longer term aspirations around H2 and SAF.

b) Workers

- i. Do the priorities we have identified in further and higher education capacity building and representing transport skills gaps in national skills planning seem correct?*

I couldn’t see much detail on this. Colleges (not really Unis) are the vital skills and training providers here in my opinion. A major priority right now is addressing risks around job losses and underemployment in the vehicle maintenance sector (e.g. <https://www.climateexchange.org.uk/publications/identifying-the-economic-impact-from-ultra-low-emissions-vehicle-ulev-uptake/>). This also has a potentially major bias of impacts towards smaller and more remote communities, and in terms of impacts on the vehicle maintenance supply chain (parts and delivery) that could hit many SMEs hard. My suggestion is that addressing these risks is made a clear priority if TJTP. See also tracked comments on attached doc.

- ii. How can we continue to encourage industry to follow up on actions, such as mapping skills needs against future technology development and taking the opportunity of the transition in the sector to attract a more diverse workforce?*

ESP is a good example, so good to see their work referenced. As above, I’d put emphasis on the EV transition here i.e. quantify impacts on garages and their supply chains across Scotland (I fear many could lose trade in BAU scenario) and as part of that assess the

skills and training capacity these business can currently access to allow them to transition to an EV-base for their work, and so the extent to which such impacts could be mitigated by enhanced support and coordination of training/focussed SG support for most at-risk areas/industry collaboration in terms of extent of EV maintenance and repair that can be carried out by local garages (e.g. SG needs to talk direct with major EV suppliers on how they can help avoid hollowing out of local vehicle maintenance and repair sector, assuming your are not already doing this?). As above, such workforce protections need to extend to parts and local supply chain.

iii. Are there lessons we can apply from other sectors and how best to incorporate region-specific issues in national skills development?

Broadly, the LSIP model down south is a useful one in terms of linking business (chambers of commerce) regionally with education providers (colleges) to design provision now and into the future for the transition. North Yorks and west Yorks and two examples where this seems to borne real fruit, esp. in terms of anticipating future opportunities and having the skilled folk to take advantage of them. If you aren't already, I would suggest taking a close look at 'successful' LSIPs like the Yorkshire ones and how they might usefully apply here in terms of transport sector at local and regional scales.

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i. The JTC recommended a redistributive strategy for the transport transition. We have been doing additional work to consider redistribution in the context of wealth, geography and workers. Given the breadth of the issues and limited resources, do you have a view on particular redistribution priorities?

As here and in attached doc, vehicle maintenance workforce and inequity of climate impacts on transport access would be the prime ones for me.

ii. Reflecting on relevant recommendations in the JTC's recent investment report, can the Commission point to examples of new funding models that could deliver the required investment, in the context of redistributive policies in transition costs?

Landing the document

a) Recognising current fiscal constraints across the public sector, can JTC offer any advice on how best to ensure buy-in?

The narrative needs to be one where all of Scotland can see its relevance and benefit – H2 and SAF have great potential but (as above) it needs articulating how those and other parts of the transition of the transport sector will benefit all parts of Scotland (not just central belt/north east). Conditionalities around investment of vehicle manufacturers in terms of protecting small garages, their workforce and their supply chain could be very powerful but, again, I'd suggest this is something that needs a 4-

nations approach too so we don't have a scenario of most Scottish cars by 2045 (i.e. EVs) being service and repaired down south.

b) How might we best communicate an iterative approach to JT planning and make sure that this draft Plan informs future policy development and decision making?

Illustrate the critical paths you are using to get to the outcomes you want, with the milestones and M&E associated with this flagged along the way.

Approach to co-design

a) Would JTC support the proposed regional/place-based lens for co-design and would the Commission's regional work consider routes for co-design across the sectors?

Personally, I'd say any such place-based approach has to work across sectors

b) What solutions would the JTC propose to maximise existing resources if the approach to co-design were more expansive?

Local authorities and colleges are two of the most vital stakeholders in such co-design in my view. Maximising existing resources there won't be enough, they need more resources to realise what is needed.

c) Is there an alternative route that could be considered, or any potential risks/unintended consequences to consider within the proposed approach?

As above, there's a risk that it comes across as not being especially relevant for some parts and people (e.g. emphasis on business section on H2 and SAF). Biggest risk for me is around the vehicle maintenance workforce.

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1. Overview

This briefing paper shares our current thinking on a draft JTP for transport, as we continue to prepare a document for publication and formal consultation (December tbc). It provides an overview of agreed policy areas to be included in the draft and additional work to explore key outstanding issues.

2. Input from the Just Transition Commission

In addition to general views on the emerging action areas and general approach described below, the JTC’s insight on the following questions would be particularly useful. There are three groups of questions: (1) specific queries around the contents of the draft plan, (2) general questions about successfully landing the document (3) our approach to co-design and engagement.

2.1 Specific questions on Plan contents

a) Business

- i. Does the JTC have a view on how best to ensure that industry works collaboratively to share knowledge on approaches to decarbonisation, especially SMEs?
- ii. Our economic research has identified the manufacture of net zero heavy duty vehicles and production of Hydrogen and Sustainable Aviation Fuel as potential growth opportunities for Scotland – how can we use place-based approaches to ensure economic opportunities are available across the whole of Scotland?

b) Workers

- i. Do the priorities we have identified in further and higher education capacity building and representing transport skills gaps in national skills planning seem correct?
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We would welcome the opportunity to discuss these topics in the coming weeks to help inform the finalisation of the draft TJTP. We would also seek a further session with the JTC in late November to brief them ahead of the publication of the draft.

3. Scope of December's Draft TJTP

3.1 Aims

The draft Transport Just Transition Plan (TJTP) is being developed using the [National Just Transition Planning Framework](#) and building on the approach committed to in [the transport just transition discussion paper](#) in June 2023.

We will publish a draft plan at the end of the year (tbc) for formal consultation. The draft will be informed by the outputs of the broad public engagement programme undertaken in 2023 and some additional targeted engagement on workforce and skills issues. Further engagement and co-design will be undertaken during the consultation period before a finalised plan is published. The first iteration draft TJTP will aim to:

- (a) **define the vision and just transition outcomes** for the transport sector, informed by wide engagement & setting our approach to co-design
- (b) **set out initial actions** (for SG and others) that support a just transition for the transport sector in the coming years and existing programmes already directly contributing to a just transition in the sector
- (c) **acknowledge any residual significant gaps and clearly articulate how the long-term outcomes** will inform future policy development and funding decisions with emphasis on the interactive nature of just transition planning

3.2 Publication

The draft will have three components:

3.2.1 Core Document:

A concise consultation document (c. 20-30 pages) will be written in plain English for a general reader, synthesising the wide range of related policy areas and interests into a succinct, coherent narrative. The draft will be structured according to the JTP framework, i.e. context, vision, actions, monitoring & evaluation and the content across all sections will, where appropriate, be grouped by audience (business, worker, community & people).

3.2.2 Open Consultation:

This will be held on the Citizen Space site with a set of questions for a general audience on the contents and scope of the draft plan. The number of questions will be limited to reduce the resource required to respond – we will engage with key stakeholders on the draft questions as part of our approach to co-design. We will produce an engagement strategy and work with stakeholders to identify opportunities to discuss/signpost to the consultation to maximise the breadth of feedback. A soft launch is proposed for December (tbc), with an appropriate launch event in the new year following the festive period. Taking account of the holiday period the consultation will be extended beyond the minimum 12 week requirement.

3.2.3 Supporting materials:

- i. Technical Annexes: will provide supporting and technical information, aimed at policy makers and subject experts. These will include:
 1. Full set of Just Transition outcomes for sector
 2. Engagement and Co-design
 3. Monitoring and Evaluation – including proposed indicators
 4. Jobs and skills
 5. Fleet transition / businesses

6. People and Equity
 7. Communities and Place
 8. Environment, Adaptation and Biodiversity
- ii. Illustrative Journeys: aimed at Businesses, Workers and Communities
 - iii. Fact Sheets: relaying key stats about the sector and the just transition planning process.
 - iv. Impact Assessments: an accompanying suite of relevant preliminary impact assessments will also be completed for the draft.

4. Content of Draft TJTP

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5. Engagement & Co-Design

5.1 Engagement on a just transition in Transport

Last summer's Transport discussion paper was used as the basis for wide ranging engagement (with public sector, businesses, workers and trade unions, and communities across Scotland). Over 1,300 people were engaged in-person or online at over 100 events. Including approx. 460 young people, at least 50 adults from "less engaged" groups and over 50 Gaelic speakers. An estimated 30% of individuals engaged were rural residents, and specific supported events were organised with trusted messengers to reach e.g. lower income households and single parents. In addition, an estimated 1,400 participants took part in the national Eco-Congregations engagement programme. Discussion papers were produced in Easy Read, BSL and Gaelic formats with emphasis placed on ensuring capacity building and shared understanding were established at the outset of events. At least 270 organisations were represented across public and private sector. Specific Transport themes highlighted include:

- Widespread concerns about the **fairness, accessibility and reliability** of the current public transport network though specific issues may differ across rural, semi-urban and within large urban areas;
- Inherent **tension between pace and fairness of the transition** which needs to be addressed, so that they are not felt to be in opposition and the most vulnerable are protected.
- Strong support for a **place-based approach** which empowers communities to be meaningfully involved in decisions around transport planning, service provision and demand management interventions, especially given the complexities of remote connectivity;_
- Government must **demonstrate leadership and transparency** to encourage people and organisations to trust and engage with policy development, especially where it relates to disincentivising private vehicle use;
- The need for **enabling such infrastructure and service improvements** to precede the implementation of car use reduction measures, and for those to be redistributive in order to be fair and just;
- The need to **increase diversity and involve a more representative set of lived experiences** and needs across planning, policy and delivery professions, upholding Fair Work principles.

- **Ensuring resilience** of the transport infrastructure and operations to climate impacts and a desire to increase biodiversity through improved green space and via nature-based solutions space in active travel infrastructure;
- The need for **transport training provision to be accessible** to both the existing workforce and new entrants, ensuring Scotland can deliver on the challenges of increased demand, widening access to transport for the most vulnerable currently under-served groups, adopting and maintaining new technology, including new infrastructure and fuels;
- **Support for fleet owners** (across different transport modes) and businesses to transition their vehicles.
- Industry recognition of need **to work collaboratively with public sector** and green finance, fostering innovative businesses, investing in R&D across fuels, manufacturing, and adaptive technology.

The JTC's own engagement and subsequent [Transport Brief](#) recommended a 'whole system approach' to decarbonisation focusing on public transport and demand management (vehicle use reduction) complemented by a redistributive strategy to achieve public consent.

5.2 Additional engagement ahead of draft publication

There is scope for some further engagement ahead of draft publication focused on the findings of the additional work undertaken on jobs and skills. This will include sessions on:

- **HDV skills requirements:** An online session testing the findings of the evidence review and exploring skills requirements for HDV's and the role government should play
- **Regional Challenges:** 2 to 3 in person session to be held in key transport location identifying specific regional challenges and potential solution for small independent businesses to adequately re/upskill

5.3 Conclusions

These views and lived experiences have guided our approach to developing the Transport Just Transition Plan, so that we have:

- set out the scale of challenges transparently; and
- highlighted existing gaps in policy; and
- provided clarity of expectations on the roles and responsibilities of individuals and workers, businesses and public sector organisations, and communities.

The engagement will inform the impact assessments that will be published alongside the Plan. A full summary of the relevant engagement outputs and approach to co-design will be provided as an annex to the draft TJTP published for consultation.

5.4 Approach to Co-design

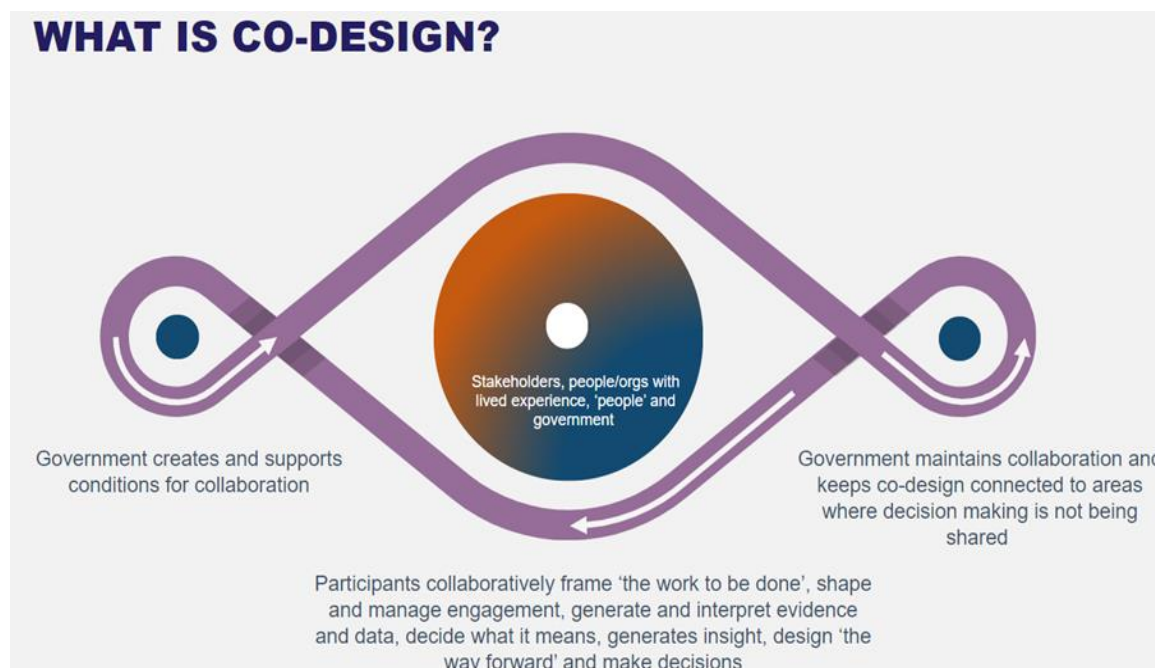


Figure: Example of co-design in Scottish Government (Office of the Chief Designer, DHSC)

The engagement programme produced valuable insights which have framed the “work to be done”¹ and highlighted that discussion and collaboration needs to continue beyond the consultation. Based on these insights we propose that the approach to co-design should reflect the strong steer from the engagement to reflect regionality and adopt a place-based approach while considering challenges through a “systems change” lens. Therefore, the final TJTP should propose potential routes for meaningful engagement and co-design which empower communities to influence interconnections and complex issues. These routes should enable cross-policy working, while making the best possible use of existing engagement structures.

In the context of our proposed approach to co-design, we have heard that the final Transport Just Transition Plan should:

- Feel like it was created for everyone, regardless of whether they are directly involved in engagement; and
- set out a shared vision for Scotland that reflects unique regional characteristics, to guide actions at a local level; and
- approach co-design in a targeted way, where people will be able to see their views and needs reflected in “real life” changes; and
- commit to creating the conditions for local or regional needs to be met in a way that reflects the national vision without trying to apply a “one-size fits all” policy.

The consultation on the draft Plan will provide an opportunity for stakeholders to consider the evidence we’ve collated thus far, as well as shape the above proposals. Our approach to later stages of co-design, where people and stakeholders are

¹ Alongside the independent Just Transition Commission briefings and research commissioned by Scottish Government and wider engagement undertaken by Transport Scotland where relevant to achieving just transition outcomes

supported to “design the way forward” will depend on the outcomes of consultation, though the consultation document will provide some case studies as examples. The Scottish Government Participation Handbook sets out a hierarchy which will continue to frame our approach to wider collaboration.

	Activity	Offer to participants	Purpose
<u>INFORM</u>	To provide the public with balanced and objective information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will keep you informed • We will provide information openly and transparently • We will not withhold relevant information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To inform those with an interest in the outcome (i.e. the public and stakeholder groups)
<u>CONSULT</u>	To obtain feedback on analysis, alternatives, proposals and/or decisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will keep you informed • We will listen to and acknowledge your concerns and aspirations • We will give serious consideration to your contributions • We will be open to your influence • We will provide feedback on how your input has influenced the outcome 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To inform those making the decision or developing proposals
<u>INVOLVE</u>	To work directly with participants throughout the policy / decision making process to ensure that their concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will keep you informed • We will work with you to ensure that your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the outcome / alternatives developed • We will provide feedback on how your input has influenced the outcome 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To enable participants to directly influence the decision / options developed
<u>COLLABORATE</u>	To partner with participants in each aspect of the decision, including defining the issue, developing alternatives and identifying preferred solutions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will look to you for advice and innovation in formulating solutions • We will incorporate your advice and recommendations into decision / implementation to the maximum extent possible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To share the development and decision making process (as much as possible)
<u>DELEGATE</u>	To place final decision-making in the hands of the participants - to delegate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will implement what you decide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To hand over the ability to make decisions and / or take action

Figure : Participation Hierarchy (SG Participation Handbook)

6. Next Steps

6.1 Timeline to publication of draft

Officials have begun drafting the document and supporting materials following the conclusion of the additional work over the summer. This will continue to be refined in response to internal clearance processes over the coming months. We also intend to engage with the Climate Policy Engagement Network (CPEN) in the coming weeks on the consultation questions for the draft plan.

Following the consultation on the draft plan we intend to publish the final plan in Summer 2025.

As outlined in previous correspondence with the JTC we are staggering publication of draft sectoral just transition plans with Land Use and Agriculture and Transport by the end of 2025 and Built Environment and Construction next year. This approach reflects available resource whilst also ensuring that sufficient time and focus is dedicated to the development of each. A separate update on the Land Use and Agriculture Plan will also be provided shortly.

We would welcome the opportunity to provide a detailed update on our plans for the consultation period for the TJTP at a follow-up discussion with the JTC in November. As part of our ongoing engagement with the JTC on monitoring and evaluation we will also share the updated just transition outcomes for transport in due course.

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Sent: 09 October 2024 18:11

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Subject: JTC TJTP Meeting Note 09/1-/24

Hello all,

A brief note from the meeting with JTC earlier today. I will also write up formal note but I thought it might be helpful to circulate particular themes discussed on the call so we can think about how/if we can incorporate this feedback into draft TJTP. The majority of the discussion focused on equity issues but broadly there was recognition of the complexity of task at hand and the need to prioritise what would be the most impactful few things we could achieve with this JTP

Commissioners present: Jillian Anable; Steven Thomson, Hannah Ritchie, Jake Malloy, Stephen Smellie

To flag, Jillian will be sending additional written feedback (hopefully by the end of the week) alongside that already received from Dave – I'll circulate when it comes through.

Key themes

- **Challenges of car use reduction –**
 - Need to avoid 'war on motorist' narrative and instead focus on how we improve access to transport for everyone i.e. improve quality of life for everyone without need to own car.
 - Potential for frequency based mechanism re road/other transport was raised but there were also concerns about the unintended consequences re rural and island communities.
 - Reduction of car use and uptake of public transport likely to get harder with electrification as price differential grows. This places emphasis on public transport alternatives that are easy and reliable – as part of this encouraged join up between JT/TS and electricity grid policy officials
 - Some explanation/recognition of re-introduction of peak fares needed in draft
 - No existing examples where there has been a shift from the car to public transport without restraining car use through charges, road closures - best scope for action is at local level - i.e. differential parking charges and permits
 - consider whether policies implemented e.g. LEZ have had equitable benefits - current perception is that these push the problem around, highlighting need for transparent real time info of people using different modes to enable matching up problems and solutions spatially
- **Rural/spatial inequity**
 - need for rural perspective (and particularly island issues) to come through strongly in Draft.

- Noted necessity of multi-car households in rural areas and potential unintended consequences of targeting excessive users;
- issues of distinguishing households from businesses in certain contexts i.e. farm vehicles.
- Risk of continued urban/rural divide without significant investment in that infrastructure particular mention of excess haulage and associated infrastructure impacts in rural areas
- **EV Charging Infrastructure**
 - Potential equity issues around charging infrastructure for those without driveways/rental properties
 - Queried potential for attaching conditionality to infrastructure projects for provision of EV infrastructure
- **Increasing size of vehicles** –
 - ‘mobesity’- restricting/reducing size inflation of cars the less we need to reduce the amount that cars are used
 - Link to public safety and public health aspect around large cars
- **Local Authorities** –
 - Current constraints of LAs
 - role LA’s have to play in bringing stakeholders together and enabling local people input into designing solutions – integrating community transport solutions
- **Workers/Skills** –
 - Draft should consider requirements of companies around fair work etc
 - Need for provision of support for existing workforce and mapping needs
 - Discussion around mapping of jobs– CL highlighted additional skills analysis that has been drawn upon in draft

I hope that’s helpful but please flag anything I may have missed. Thanks to everyone for their input

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From: [REDACTED – regulation 11]
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Subject: JTC research report- Shetland - semifinal

Hi [REDACTED – regulation 11]!

See attached – this is close to but not quite final – I'll send a revised one round wider distro when I have it, but hopefully this is helpful for your work on briefing today.

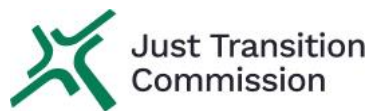
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Subject: RE: JTC Shetland briefing - Sept 24 - key topics

Dear colleagues

Please see attached the JTC's briefing on Shetland plus supporting research report.

They are embargoed until 9.30am tomorrow. Grateful if this material can be shared with relevant colleagues not already on this copylist.

If you would like to dial in to the Commission's hybrid launch event tomorrow 9.30-10.30am please let [REDACTED – regulation 11] know directly -- [REDACTED – regulation 11]

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Dear colleagues

Please find attached for advance sight the close-to-final text for the substantive elements of the JTC's Shetland briefing, due to be published first thing Tuesday Sept 24 (with accompanying health warning at the top of the file).

As the briefing touches on a large number of areas of policy, I'd be grateful for all further efforts by colleagues in ensuring this reaches appropriate policy leads in addition to this already extensive copylist.

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Subject: RE: JTC Shetland briefing - Sept 24 - key topics

Dear all

Please find attached the research report the JTC will publish on Tuesday.

Substantive elements of the JTC's report (key messages etc) to follow asap.

Thanks

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Subject: JTC Shetland briefing - Sept 24 - key topics

Dear all,

Ahead of the Commission's launch of its briefing on Shetland (morning of Sept 24), I thought it would be helpful to flag some of the key themes/topics ahead of circulating advance text next week (expected 18th or 19th) so as to ensure relevant colleagues are sighted appropriately. To note, we also routinely share advance text with stakeholders we've engaged via visits, which inevitably carries some risk of producing early media enquiries.

The principal topics are: energy, community benefit/ownership/wealth-building, fishing/marine, peatland, local government capacity.

Sub-topics: transport, adaptation, built environment, farming/crofting

Co-chairs will also write to UKG, SNIB and Ofgem in connection with the report's findings on Sept 24.

We very much hope colleagues will be able to join the launch event remotely as it should be a useful discussion – please let me know if you or another colleague require a teams invitation.

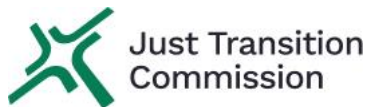
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Subject: FW: PRESS RELEASE: SCOTLAND'S JUST TRANSITION COMMISSION SAYS STATUTORY RIGHT FOR COMMUNITIES TO A SHARE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS CAN "SUPER-CHARGE" JUST TRANSITION TO NET ZERO

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PRESS RELEASE: SCOTLAND'S JUST TRANSITION COMMISSION SAYS STATUTORY RIGHT FOR COMMUNITIES TO A SHARE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS CAN "SUPER-CHARGE" JUST TRANSITION TO NET ZERO

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Scotland's Just Transition Commission will this week write to the Scottish Government, UK Government, energy regulator Ofgem and the Scottish National Investment Bank to highlight key lessons from Shetland's experience of the energy transition it says can help shape fairer outcomes across the country.

In a new report launched in Lerwick on Tuesday, the Commission said a new statutory right for communities to have a share in renewables developments can "super-charge the creation of community wealth."

"A mechanism for local communities, in the form of local councils or community-based associations, to purchase an appropriate share of a developer's large scale renewable development should become the norm." says the report.

The Commission said the experience of Shetland showed the ability of communities to access finance for such initiatives is a key barrier to sharing their revenues more equitably, and called on bodies such as Scotland's development bank, the Scottish National Investment Bank, and the recently announced GB Energy, to take on the job of supporting communities and local authorities who have the ambition of benefitting from new energy projects.

The report has eight key messages:

1. Action is required to make sure local communities can make the most of new economic opportunities through community wealth building.
2. Communities need to be able to own smaller-scale renewable energy development and have a share in revenues from big energy projects to create long-term community wealth.
3. A new statutory right for communities to purchase a share of renewables developments will be key in building community wealth, especially in rural and island areas.
4. A proportion of electricity grid capacity should be reserved for community energy projects.

5. Community benefit funding from new developments has an important role to play, with proper scrutiny and accountability.
6. Consistent and equitable compensatory mechanisms should be developed for those whose livelihoods are directly impinged upon by infrastructure development and other changes required for Net Zero.
7. Restore trust between key groups working in the marine environment.
8. Local climate strategies should apply just transition principles and monitor and evaluate progress towards delivering the required changes in the fairest way.

The report considers three key areas where the delivery model for making changes in a way that maximises the social and economic benefits are yet to be fully developed: energy, the marine environment and peatland restoration.

The Commission says Shetland's experience managing the development of oil and gas infrastructure at Sullom Voe from the 1970s, combined with the rapid expansion of wind energy over the past decade, "provides significant learnings for the whole country." Shetland's local authority secured special powers through an act of the Westminster parliament in 1974 to allow it to negotiate more effectively with oil companies following the discovery of oil near Shetland, including an ability to act as a port authority, establishing a charitable trust and charging "disturbance payments" to reflect the environmental, social and economic impact of the oil industry on the local area.

But the report warns that action is required to carefully manage the move away from fossil fuels. "The current route for Shetland, as we move away from oil and gas through rapid expansion of clean energy, appears unlikely to sustain current levels of investment for meeting local needs, with a risk to the funding model for critical social infrastructure across a rural island setting community striving to support an ageing population, retain young people and attract new residents."

The Commission also says "consistent and equitable compensatory mechanisms need to be developed" for people whose livelihoods are directly impinged upon by infrastructure development and other changes required for Net Zero. "This could include, for example, fishers, crofters, and farmers whose access to natural resources is constrained. Such mechanisms should follow established principles around disturbance payments and compensation for income foregone, so as to ameliorate negative impacts and speed the transition by building consent for major developments through fair, transparent and consistent dealing."

The Commission is an independent expert advisory group with members drawn from business, industry, trade unions, environmental and community groups and academia. It aims to make sure the benefits and burdens of the major changes involved in Scotland's net zero transition are shared as fairly as possible, and is tasked by the Scottish Government with making an annual assessment of progress towards a just transition to a low carbon economy.

The Commission visited Shetland earlier this year to meet with local people and organisations. It also worked with researchers from Voar, a Lerwick-based energy consultancy, to capture key data to support a better understanding of the specific character of the changes underway in Shetland as it responds to the climate crisis,

and different approaches for delivering community benefit and community wealth-building. The research was prepared to inform the Commission's work as well as policymakers, but does not represent the consensus view of the Commission.

This research found:

- Shetland has been a pioneer in community wealth building and has enormous renewables potential, but the scale of coming development is unlikely to be considered just, unless the community receives a fair share of the value of local resources.
- In the 1970s, Shetland used the Zetland County Council Act to secure community returns from oil and gas through various novel means, including disturbance payments, port operations and the use of a charitable trust to manage the funds.
- The Viking Energy Windfarm was a missed opportunity: in the early 2000s, Shetland Islands Council partnered with industry to co-develop the project, but the community stake was ultimately lost as a result of project delays and an asymmetry in risk tolerance and financial clout between the community and the developer. Viking could be the UK's most productive onshore windfarm but is set to return what could be considered a low level of community benefit payments relative to the quality of the wind resource.
- North Yell Development Council's community-owned Garth windfarm provides a model that other communities should be able to follow but are currently unable to, because of the way that UK electricity grid connections are managed - and other hurdles that communities are less well equipped to navigate than commercial developers.
- Despite Shetland's wealth, nearly half of working households live below the Minimum Income Standard, fuel poverty is the highest in Scotland, and council finances are declining: new jobs won't fix these issues because unemployment is already low.
- Shetland's fishing industry is deeply concerned by the scale and possible impact of offshore wind developments and given that the fleet remains overwhelmingly locally owned, the displacement of local boats from their traditional grounds could represent a transfer of economic value from locals to asset managers.
- Shetland shows that community ownership of small wind projects can have more impact than community benefit payments from larger commercial projects. Achieving greater community participation requires changing how the UK electricity grid is managed and strengthening the capacity of community groups and local authorities.
- Where community ownership is not feasible or desirable, there is a case for statutory community benefit payments coupled to production rather than installed capacity, and index-linked to a consistent historic baseline, rather than first power.

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Satwat Rehman, co-chair of the Commission, said: "Speaking to people in Shetland, we have seen again how a striking feature of the climate transition is the way that exciting new renewable energy projects sit alongside people that are struggling to pay for basic needs, and communities with concerns about the long-term sustainability of local economies. Our message today as a Commission is that there

is more that government can do to support communities and local authorities in navigating the big changes underway across the country. Shetland teaches us that with the right powers and enough capacity, local communities are best placed to build long-term, shared prosperity and tackle inequalities.”

Prof. Dave Reay, co-chair of the Commission, said: “The Commission’s report sets out a number of practical measures to support local communities, like Shetland, in making the most of the opportunities the transition to a low carbon economy brings for economic and social renewal. Our conversations left us with a sense that Shetland has a number of distinctive assets that will help shape its transition for the better. It has a small, close-knit community with lots of relevant expertise, and it is relatively easy to bring people together for meaningful social dialogue on important questions. There’s also a common belief that if we can find the right process, new forms of economic activity can help to make a better and fairer place.”

Tom Wills, director at Voar and co-author of the research report, said: “Shetland’s strong winds, prime development sites and capable workforce make the islands an attractive location for new energy projects. Locals are however concerned that while further large-scale development seems guaranteed, a fair share for the community is not. Despite hosting oil and gas terminals and the UK’s most productive onshore wind farm, Shetland suffers from high inequality and fuel poverty. More jobs and economic activity won’t fix this, because Shetland already has low unemployment and relies on fly-in workers. A fair energy transition fair means retaining a fair share of resource value. Our research has explored the opportunities and barriers to greater community ownership, participation and benefit from energy projects. As new energy developments accelerate, we have found that government at all levels – UK, Scottish and local – could be doing more to ensure communities are not left behind.”

PHOTOS: Photographs from the Commission’s visit to Shetland are available for use free of charge. Please contact justtransitioncommission@gov.scot to arrange.

Background – Just Transition Commission

The Just Transition Commission is an independent expert advisory group. The Commission’s remit is to:

- Scrutinise the development of just transition plans led by the Scottish Government
- Advise on the best approach to monitoring and evaluation of the just transition
- Engage with people most likely to be impacted by the transition, hearing from a wide range of representative voices.

Commissioners are drawn from industry, business, trade unions, environmental and community groups, and academia. A key role of the Commission is to build consensus on difficult challenges facing Scotland as we decarbonise.

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From: [REDACTED – regulation 11]

Sent: 12 August 2024 09:32

To: [REDACTED – regulation 11]; Catriona Laing; Philip Raines[REDACTED – regulation 11]; Satwat Rehman; Dave Reay; Stephen Good; Lang Banks

Cc: [REDACTED – regulation 11]; Gareth Fenney; Sue Kearns

Subject: JTC BEC Working Group and SG Discussion

When: 12 August 2024 10:30-11:00 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London.

Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Agenda

- JTC's modelling approach to heat decarbonisation figures in Investment report **[JTC]**
- Update on Green Heat Finance Taskforce **[SG – HiBs colleagues]**
- Next steps and future ways of working **[JTC & SG]**

Good Afternoon,

Diary slot for SG colleagues to discuss the built environment and construction detail published in the JTC briefing – Investment for a Just Transition: A Starting Point.

[REDACTED – regulation 11] – could you check if the attendance list is as expected, and forward should we have missed anyone?

Kind regards

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JTC and SLT Meeting September 3rd 2024

Attendees

JTC: Satwat Rehman, Dave Reay, [REDACTED – regulation 11]

SG: Kersti Berge, Catriona Laing [REDACTED – regulation 11]

Note

- JTC Co-chairs provided updates on:
 - Launch of Grangemouth and Investment report
 - Dumfries and Galloway visit
 - Forthcoming Shetland report
 - Forthcoming visit to Aberdeen (Oct)
 - Annual Report scheduled for December

- SG colleagues provided updates on:
 - Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan
 - Programme for Government
 - Green Industrial strategy

- Discussion on ongoing collaboration including:
 - JTC's Shetland Report and community energy
 - JTC's review of SNAP 3
 - Climate Change Bill
 - Monitoring and Evaluation

Next Meeting scheduled: Dec 9th

From: [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Sent: 20 August 2024 12:32
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Subject: FW: JTC For Action - SNAP3 Review, D&G Arrangements and Transport JTP

JTC comments below (I haven't reviewed the attached yet). Your comments/how we formulate a response are welcome!

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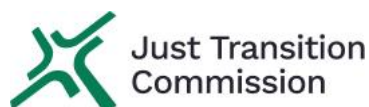
Hi [REDACTED – regulation 11],

Please see the attached and comments below from Dave.

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From: Dave Reay [REDACTED – regulation 11]
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 1:51 PM
To: [REDACTED – regulation 11]

Subject: Re: JTC For Action - SNAP3 Review, D&G Arrangements and Transport JTP

Hi [REDACTED – regulation 11],

Just been through the final draft of SNAP3. Some comments tracked on attached. Main comment is that it is a really good doc and it's good to see JT elements (and so people) brought to the fore in many sections - if a similarly people-focussed approach can be taken for CCP etc then that will be great. Well done SG colleagues! My other comments would include:

- The regional JTPs are referenced but it would be useful to flag these in the context of the swathe of other actions and plans (e.g. regional adaptation plans) mentioned in SNAP3 as there are clear synergies throughout and on current reading one might think they are all separate and so there is a risk of overlap, redundancy and gaps
- Was surprised heat risk didn't get some more coverage, esp. in terms of existing warning systems and how those could/will respond to increasing heat risks
- Relatedly, I couldn't see a mention of PARD even though this would seem to be a very useful tool in terms of disaster risk reduction and triage of responses (it has certainly been very useful in the past, and around the world in different forms). Not sure if it is not included as it is no longer thought useful, or if it has been replaced by something else?
- The climate and mental health section was good and gave deserved prominence to this facet of climate risk, however I'd argue it was a bit too heavy on 'climate anxiety' and could have been a bit more pointed on post-physical impact mental health issues (esp. floods) and the SNAP3 approaches to deal with these (i.e. learning from past experiences e.g. Perth floods, and from overseas e.g. Paris heatwave, hurricane Katrina etc and how PHS, NHS, emergency services and others coordinate responses on the ground

Best wishes,

Dave

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Good Evening Commission,

Scottish National Adaptation Plan

Following the JTC meeting with the SG Adaptation Team in May and JTC comments on the SNAP3 consultation draft document, there was agreement that they would share the final draft document for review ahead of publication.

The team have asked we share with you for comment, though they are not looking for as in-depth response as previously, they ask for consideration of these elements:

1. Where can we bring out the links between adaptation and just transition more clearly in the document?

2. Are commissioners aware of any useful case studies which could help bring these links out more clearly?

They would be grateful if you could review and send any comments back to us by the 20th of August.

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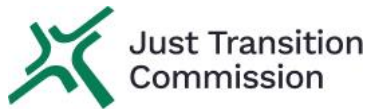
Hope you all have a pleasant weekend.

Kind regards

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Minute - JTC Investment and Community Ownership Bilateral

Attendees

Ministers: Alasdair Allan, Minister for Climate Action, Ivan Mckee, Minister for Public Finance [Tom Arthur, Minister for Employment and Investment sent apologies]

JTC: Satwat Rehman, Dave Reay, Nick Robins, Stephen Smellie, Louisa MacDonell, Ameena Camps, Richard Hardy, Katie Swan-Nelson

SG Officials: Catriona Laing, [redaction – regulation 11]

Actions:

- JTC to send list of further areas for SG to engage UKG on
- Follow up discussion to be arranged for 6 months' time

1. Introduction and overview of JTC's Shetland and Investment reports

- SR provided introduction outlining ministerial meeting in June and purpose of follow-up bilaterals with ministers to raise profile of just transition within portfolios, set out 'gamechangers' JTC have identified and understand how the JTC can support this work. She then outlined key messages from JTC's recent reports on Shetland and Investment.
- AA welcomed meeting and in response to key points of Shetland report flagged recent visit made to Viking windfarm and awareness of concerns around community benefits and welcomed JTC's further input.
- DR reinforced frustration communities expressed in Shetland in missing out on potential benefits of Viking and the need for capacity building and access to finance for communities.

2. Game Changer: Right to shared ownership

- DR gave overview of community ownership game changer. Suggested potential for statutory right to ownership to create wealth for communities. Flagged JT risks in terms of existing postcode lottery of community benefits and the need to ensure benefits delivered to everyone in Scotland.
- AA reflected on disparity across communities in terms of capacity and appetite to be involved in energy projects.
- LM suggested opportunities to professionalise community development noting work of Planning Aid Scotland (with a bank of 400 volunteers) as potential model.
- AC reflected on capacity point at both community and local authority level and wider infrastructure that could be included such as district heating if strategic approach taken.
- SS offered idea of municipal ownership suggested lack of confidence and capacity limited local authorities entering partnerships with business.
- RH highlighted successful examples of other countries inc. Denmark to underline need for legislative lever to enable community ownership
- IM responded highlighting community capacity building as consistent issue and the reserved powers that curtail remit of SG to enact legislative change around community benefits.
- DR noted relationship with SG and UKG but also highlighted SNIB as key actor

3. Game Changer: Innovate Just Transition investment pathways/products

- NR outlined case for transformational approach to investment. Noting role of SG to use market shaping role to enable international investment and build on Scotwind model as well as think about potential of conditionality. Flagged potential of GB energy and National Wealth Fund to be real driver for JT outcomes.
- IM noted and underlined need for private investment to deliver and need to understand how much private investment public money is able to leverage.
- NR agreed and noted dual aspect in seeing JT outcomes as a product of investment and model for SG to attract investment.
- AA noted positive relationship between UKG and SG and asked to get sense of JTC's priorities for UKG.
- Commissioners responded with suggestions around community ownership and conditionality to create local jobs underpinned by fair work principles . Took action to provide additional written list of priorities
- IM noted employment rights reserved but ongoing work to change the dial on conditionality.
- NR noted impact frameworks held by SNIB and others as a way to ensure JT lens applied to investment.
- Ministers agreed to meet again in 6 months to discuss issues again and asked for JTC to continue to develop thinking in these areas

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