

Paper 8/4 – Climate Emergency Response Group **For discussion**

1. Purpose

- 1.1. To make Commissioners aware of work being undertaken by the Climate Emergency Response Group (CERG) in relation to the development of proposals for a green recovery.

2. Background

- 2.1. CERG are a collection of leaders spanning Scotland's private, public and third sectors, delivery organisations and membership bodies¹. The group aims to inform and influence the Scottish Government's response to the climate emergency by providing practical, workable solutions that can be implemented.
- 2.2. In August 2019 the group launched its 12-point action plan for responding to the climate emergency². Many of the measures outlined in this document formed part of the Programme for Government 2019.
- 2.3. CERG are currently working to produce proposals for a green recovery. To support this, they have produced the discussion paper included below. They are keen to gather feedback from stakeholders, including the Commission.
- 2.4. Their discussion paper aims to answer the following questions:
 - What are some of the areas where the Scottish Government should invest public money and/or incentivize private investment to deliver a fairer, greener and more resilient Scotland as we recover from the Covid-19 crisis?
 - What public spending, fiscal stimulus measures, and policy levers will achieve the most in accelerating Scotland's response to the climate emergency, whilst improving public health and wellbeing, equalities and economic outcomes?

3. Next Steps

- 3.1. Commissioners are invited to note the discussion paper on green recovery from CERG, and confirm they would like the secretariat to set up a meeting to discuss the report with authors.

¹ Full membership available here: <https://www.changeworks.org.uk/cerg>

² <https://www.changeworks.org.uk/resources/12-immediate-actions-for-scotlands-response-to-the-climate-emergency>