



Stop Climate Chaos Scotland

Key areas of concern on the Draft Report on Proposals and Policies (RPP2) to be addressed by the Local Government and Regeneration Committee

Following written and oral evidence to the committee by Stop Climate Chaos Scotland and its members, SCCS has formulated some key priorities for committees for the consideration of their final reports. For each of the four committees scrutinising RPP2, we have identified the top three issues, followed by other priorities, that we consider crucial in order to increase the RPP2's credibility, ambition and transparency. For more information, see SCCS's short MSP briefing on RPP2: <http://bit.ly/WbOCTf>

Top three priorities which we call on the Committee to recommend to Government:

1. In the absence of sufficient information/detail/definition to provide assurance that the emissions assumptions are realistic, the following proposal should be removed from RPP2 and replaced with another credible policy or proposal before 2020 to make up the shortfall:

The 'ambitions' for the Public Sector proposal are to achieve, by 2027, 'a complete transformation in the way Scottish public bodies work' (p103) but little detail is available to show how that will be done.

2. Add a new policy, using powers under part 4 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009, to bring in mandatory annual reporting for public bodies to ensure consistency of reporting.
3. Include Procurement Reform Bill (referred to on p18), as a policy, with greater emphasis on environmental sustainability to ensure maximum emissions reductions are achieved from public sector spending (p104).

Additional priorities for Committee to address in its report:

4. Included a new policy to train senior managers, local councillors and other relevant public sector staff to understand the business case for action to reduce emissions. (p104)
5. RPP1 included 2020 milestones for action in each sector, many of which have been removed from RPP2, particularly in housing. RPP2 must also include 2020 milestones for each sector that are credible and ambitious to facilitate future monitoring and evaluation of delivery.
6. Include a commitment to more rigorous assessment of delivery of existing policies, to ensure that full abatement potential is being realised or, that Ministers can "identify alternative or additional actions to compensate for [any] reduced abatement." (RPP1, p135)
7. Integrate a strategic approach to low carbon behaviour change with all proposals and policies. This should cover the provision of funding, information and advice and have accompanying engagement strategies based on the latest behaviour change research.

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