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Feature

CCC urges Scotland to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045; Scottish Government announces intent to legislate

The Committee on Climate Change (CCC) has recommended a net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045 target for Scotland in a new report published on 2 May. It recommended a net-zero greenhouse gases by 2050 target for the UK.

In the report *Net Zero – The UK’s Contribution to Stopping Global Warming*, the CCC advised that, since “Scotland has greater potential to remove pollution from its economy than the UK overall,” it should achieve the target by 2045. Scotland currently has a target to reduce emissions of all greenhouse gases by at least 80% by 2050, relative to 1990.

The recommended targets reflect “the excellent opportunities to remove CO₂ from the atmosphere through afforestation and carbon capture and storage in Scotland.”

The CCC, in accordance with the Scottish Climate Change Bill, also recommended interim targets. These are recommended at reductions from 1990 of 70% by 2030 and 90% by 2040.

The CCC also believes the new Scottish Just Transition Commission has a role to play in ensuring vulnerable workers, consumers and rural and island populations are protected throughout the decarbonisation process.

The Scottish Government announced on 2 May that it intends to follow the CCC’s recommendation and will be legislating to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to zero by 2045. The government announced that amendments to the Climate Change Bill have been lodged to set a legally binding target of net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045 at the latest, with Scotland becoming carbon neutral by 2040.

Meanwhile, Business Secretary Greg Clark released a statement welcoming the CCC report but said that the UK Government would not be “immediately accepting the recommendations” made. Instead, Clark said the government “will be responding in due course to ensure the UK continues to be a world leader in tackling climate change”.

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