

SCOTTISH PUBLIC BODIES NET ZERO EMISSIONS TARGET STATEMENT

[Public body] recognises the global climate emergency and is committed to playing its part in Scotland's national endeavour to end our contribution to climate change within a generation. To ensure [Public body] contributes to public sector leadership in this effort, we adopt the following minimum targets and dates:

- Achieve net zero emissions across our direct Scope 1 emissions, indirect Scope 2 and Scope 3 emissions including [water, waste, business travel, staff commuting and homeworking, upstream leased assets, purchased goods and services, capital goods, etc.] by [2045 – or such other earlier date if possible]
- Decarbonise the heating in our buildings, in line with the phased targets for publicly-owned buildings, [by 2038 at the latest] ⁽¹⁾
- Transform our road based fleet, removing petrol and diesel cars [by 2025], adding no new petrol or diesel light commercial vehicles [from 2025] and adding no new petrol or diesel heavy vehicles [from 2030] ⁽²⁾
- Reduce the distance our staff travel by car, both for business travel and commuting, [in line with the national commitment to reduce car kilometres by 20% by 2030] ⁽³⁾
- Send no biodegradable waste to landfill [by 2025] and send zero waste to landfill [by 2030]
- Ensure that our investment decisions, including procurement, are aligned with Scotland's net zero targets and support the move to a circular economy ⁽⁴⁾
- Maximise opportunities to enhance and restore biodiversity on our estate
- Ensure adaptation to the impacts of climate change alongside our efforts to reduce our emissions as far as we can, as fast as we can.

Notes for use:

This draft statement is intended to be an illustration of the targets and commitments that a public body may wish to adopt. It should be amended as appropriate to suit the circumstances of the public body in question, in line with independent advice as required.

The public body should change the words/dates in [brackets] to reflect their own organisation and its targets. Statements that are not relevant to the body can be deleted. References and footnotes are intended for internal use/info only and should be deleted from the final version.

(1) The *Scottish Government and Scottish Green Party Shared Policy Programme* commits to developing and agreeing through consultation a series of phased targets for the decarbonisation of public sector buildings starting in 2024, with the most difficult buildings like hospitals being decarbonised by 2038, and for all publicly-owned buildings to meet zero emission heating requirements, with a backstop of 2038.

[A Fairer, Greener Scotland: Programme for Government 2021-22 - gov.scot](https://www.gov.scot)
(www.gov.scot)

(2) Programme for Government commitment to creating the conditions to phasing out the need for all petrol and diesel cars from the public sector fleet by 2025 and

phasing out the need for all new petrol and diesel vehicles in Scotland's public sector fleet by 2030.

(3) Relative to 2019 levels. [Update to the Climate Change Plan 2018 - 2032: Securing a Green Recovery on a Path to Net Zero \(www.gov.scot\)](#)

Routemap: [A route map to achieve a 20 per cent reduction in car kilometres by 2030 \(transport.gov.scot\)](#)

(4) Programme for Government commitments to tackle the significant new challenge of decarbonising the £14bn of annual public sector procurement and support the move to a circular economy.