

# NET ZERO POLICY ROUNDUP 09/22

STRATEGY/POLICY UPDATES	LINK
BEIS releases policy statement on the <b>Energy Security Bill</b> .	<a href="#">BEIS</a>
Ofgem increases <b>energy price cap</b> to <b>£3,549 per year</b> for average household from 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2022.	<a href="#">Ofgem</a>
Ofgem extends ban on <b>acquisition-only energy tariffs</b> .	<a href="#">Ofgem</a>
Ofgem publishes decision on statutory consultation on <b>energy suppliers' control over material assets</b> .	<a href="#">Ofgem</a>
Ofgem publishes decision on proposals to <b>strengthen requirements on energy suppliers</b> in determining <b>consumers' direct debit contributions</b> .	<a href="#">Ofgem</a>
Government introduces <b>new regulatory framework</b> to tackle <b>industrial emissions</b> across the UK.	<a href="#">DEFRA</a>

CONSULTATIONS AND REVIEWS	LINK
BEIS seeking views on business model to incentivise deployment of <b>bioenergy and carbon capture (BECCS)</b> within the UK.	<a href="#">BEIS</a>
BEIS launches review of scheme to provide relief to <b>energy intensive industries</b> .	<a href="#">BEIS</a>
Ofgem launches consultation on accelerating <b>onshore electricity transmission investment</b> .	<a href="#">Ofgem</a>
ONS seeking views on definition and measurement of <b>green jobs</b> .	<a href="#">ONS</a>
<b>Natural Environment Research Council</b> seeking views on <b>research priorities in planetary health</b> .	<a href="#">NERC</a>
BEIS opens consultation on <b>temporary suspension of fuel quality requirement</b> for Renewable Heat Incentive participants using <b>wood pellets</b> .	<a href="#">BEIS</a>
BEIS opens consultation on proposals for <b>hydrogen transport and storage</b> business models.	<a href="#">BEIS</a>

FUNDING ANNOUNCED	LINK
<b>£140 million</b> in funding announced for <b>zero emission road freight battery and hydrogen demonstration</b> .	<a href="#">Innovate UK</a>

National Lottery launches <b>Climate Action Fund</b> to support projects demonstrating links between the climate and nature.	<a href="#">National Lottery</a>
DEFRA and UKRI launch <b>Farming Innovation Programme</b> to assist agriculture in becoming more sustainable and reducing its environmental impact.	<a href="#">UKRI</a>

RESEARCH AND STATISTICS	LINK
<p>ONS releases '<b>Climate change insights, families and households, UK: August 2022</b>', key messages including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Household emissions accounted for 26% of total emissions in the UK in 2020. Rates of emissions have been relatively stable over time barring a large decrease between 2019 and 2020 owing to the COVID-19 pandemic.</li> <li>Northern Ireland had the highest per capita emissions out of all UK regions in 2020 at 2 tCO<sub>2</sub>e; London had the lowest at 1.1 tCO<sub>2</sub>e. When measured in terms of emissions per square kilometre, however, London ranked highest.</li> <li>Amongst UK nations, Wales had the lowest rate of properties with energy efficiency ratings of C or above at 37%; in England 42% of dwellings were classed as such. Northern Ireland had the highest proportion at 49%.</li> <li>25% of people surveyed by BEIS's Public Attitudes Tracker have never heard of an EPC; just 19% of people were considering improving their home's energy efficiency. Of those who were not considering an improvement, the most common reason for this was believing their home was already efficient enough, with 35% of respondents stating as such.</li> <li>77% of adults have made 'some changes' or 'a lot of changes' to their lifestyle to help tackle climate change, with women more likely than men to state as such. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The most common reasons given by people for not making changes were believing that large polluters should make changes before individuals (34%); feeling that their changes will have no effect (32%) and it being too expensive to make changes (30%).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<a href="#">ONS</a>
<p>ONS releases '<b>Impact of increased cost of living on adults across Great Britain</b>':</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>88% of respondents reported that their cost of living had increased over the previous month; gas and electric bills were the second most common price rise reported, with 84% of all surveyees stating that they had experienced an increase.</li> <li>51% of respondents stated they were using less fuel such as gas or electricity in their home as due to their cost of living rising; 40% of respondents stated that it was very or somewhat difficult to afford their energy bills.</li> <li>Demographic groups including older age groups; those with a disability; Black or Black British groups; the unemployed and economically inactive, and those</li> </ul>	<a href="#">ONS</a>

in rented properties were more likely to express difficulty in paying energy bills than the population at large.	
Resolution Foundation publishes research highlighting <b>economic and health implications of rising energy bills</b> , and variations in impact between different household types.	<a href="#">Resolution Foundation</a>
Local Government Association publishes research on ' <b>Hard to decarbonise' social houses</b> .	<a href="#">LGA</a>
<b>BEIS</b> releases statistics on rollout of the <b>Boiler Upgrade Scheme, Energy Company Obligation, Green Deal, Smart Meters</b> and <b>Solar PV</b> .	<a href="#">BEIS</a>
BEIS publishes <b>Monthly energy statistics</b> release for June 2022.	<a href="#">BEIS</a>
DfT publishes statistics on <b>EV charging infrastructure</b> across the UK.	<a href="#">DfT</a>
DfT publishes statistical release on <b>renewable road fuels</b> .	<a href="#">DfT</a>

MISCELLANEOUS	LINK
20 projects shortlisted for next stage of <b>carbon capture, usage and storage cluster (CCUS)</b> process.	<a href="#">BEIS</a>
DfT announces <b>£20 million</b> in funding to install more than 1,000 <b>EV charging points</b> across country.	<a href="#">DfT</a>
Ofgem, in collaboration with BEIS, Citizens Advice and Energy UK, publish <b>domestic consumer advice documents</b> to assist front line advisors in providing energy savings support.	<a href="#">Ofgem</a>
<b>UK Infrastructure Bank</b> announces <b>£162.5 million investment</b> in NextPower UK ESG fund, aiming to <b>double provision of subsidy-free solar power</b> in the UK.	<a href="#">UKIB</a>
<b>Committee on Fuel Poverty</b> publishes letter to BEIS Permanent Secretary regarding <b>energy price cap rise</b> .	<a href="#">Committee on Fuel Poverty</a>
List of key projects progressed as part of £3 million <b>North East Environment Programme</b> published.	<a href="#">Environment Agency</a>