

News Release

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Energy Institute welcomes the call from the UK Committee on Climate Change for a step change in the pace of carbon emissions reduction

The Energy Institute (EI), the leading professional membership body for energy professionals, supports the call from the UK Committee on Climate Change (CCC) for an urgent step change in the pace of carbon emissions reduction set out in its “Meeting Carbon Budgets” report.

It also welcomes the clear and wide-ranging delivery framework and timescale put forward by the CCC, from investment in Carbon Capture and Storage and the decarbonisation of electricity generation to the implementation of energy efficiency measures both in residential and commercial buildings and road transport. This report will enable Government and industry to set themselves realistic and affordable policy and business targets – and remind them that time is of the essence if the UK is to meet its carbon reductions objectives.

James Smith CBE FEI, President, Energy Institute, commented: “This report sets the right priorities and tells us how Britain can get the energy we need for the lower carbon emissions we can afford. There is a cost but the cost of doing nothing will be higher. Retooling Britain’s energy supplies will need investment, new technology and new skills. On the bright side, it means new jobs and new opportunities for British business at home and abroad.”

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