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Dear Jim,

Thank you for your letter dated 6 December 2023 in relation to the Environmental Standards Scotland (ESS) investigation IESS.21.012 into the support for Scottish local authorities in the delivery of their climate change duties.

I note the ESS final report was laid in the Scottish Parliament on the 6 December 2023, and contains five recommendations for Scottish Government to take under sections 44 to 52 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009.

I can confirm that it is the intention of the Scottish Government to prepare and submit an improvement plan in relation to the single recommendation for which informal resolution could not be reached, as required by the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021 Section 30.

Yours sincerely

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