

## Press Release

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### Heat Pump Industry Response to CCC's Sixth Carbon Budget Advice

The Climate Change Committee has produced another insightful piece of work with their Sixth Carbon Budget Report.

Laura Bishop, Chair of the Ground Source Heat Pump Association said: "There is a huge amount of content in the CCC's report to gladden the hearts of the heat pump sector, with an ever stronger emphasis on the dominant role that electrification will play for heat in buildings."

"It is essential that the Government sets a clear commitment to electrification through the 2020s, including a stable and long-term support framework to build the heat pump supply chain to sufficient scale to deliver near-term emissions reductions and keep full electrification on the table."

Bean Beanland said: "The unambiguous identification of the required high level policy package is exactly what is needed for the heat pump industry to deliver against the ambitious political intent set out in the Prime Minister's recent Ten Point Plan for a Green Industrial Revolution."

"There is much to do, and we need to get moving. We need clear signals and direction from the Government on the critical role for electrification, and steps to be taken to make low-carbon financially attractive - with recognition of the electricity/gas spark-gap, the value of flexible electric loads, targeted incentives and the promotion of green finance."

Increased communication and consumer engagement on the transition from gas boilers towards low carbon heating systems, like heat pumps, will be crucial.

The GSHPA looks forward to working with government to assemble and enact the specific policies required to make the 2020s the decade of electrification, with new employment opportunities and the upskilling of the conventional heating workforce who will be vital in delivering heat decarbonisation across the UK.

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Notes to Editors:

The GSHPA brings together over 140 installers, consultants and suppliers from across the UK ground and water source industry to develop a strong, dynamic and sustainable environment for low carbon heating and cooling systems that are based on heat capture, storage and transfer, including heat sharing networks and demand side management & response.

Ground and Water Source Heat Pumps systems are a long-term infrastructure investment. They are a proven, efficient and very low emissions technology that can deliver heating and cooling to homes and businesses at the lowest operating cost.

During 2020, the Climate Change Committee on, the National Infrastructure Commission, the All-party Commons Science & Technology Committee and National Grid, all published reports that recognise the importance of heat pumps in the UK's efforts to decarbonise heat, a key element in the journey towards Net Zero by 2050.