

Rt Hon Ed Miliband MP
Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero
Department for Energy Security and Net Zero
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Dear Secretary of State,

Heat Networks and Decarbonisation

Decarbonising Edinburgh's buildings is a Council priority, and this work must be part of the Just Transition to ensure marginalised groups and individuals are not further marginalised through the process of achieving net zero by 2030.

Buildings are by a long way the largest climate emissions sector in Edinburgh, accounting for 58% of emissions.

However, I note that the Scottish Government has announced that the Heat in Buildings Bill will not be progressed during this session of Parliament, and the UK Government has announced an end to key energy efficiency schemes in April 2026, with no announcement yet on what will replace them.

At a meeting of the City of Edinburgh Council, members agreed that uncertainty over the legislative and funding framework for building decarbonisation and heat networks at both the Scottish Government and UK Government levels is unhelpful.

As Council Leader, I write to express concern at the recent announcement that the Energy Company Obligation and Great British Insulation Schemes will be ending in April 2026, and I urge the UK Government to provide clarity on their replacements without delay.

I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely



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