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Dear Convener,

I am writing to inform the Committee that the Scottish Government has today published a [Working Paper](#) on our refresh of the Good Practice Principles for Community Benefits from Onshore Renewable Energy Developments.

This follows my evidence session at the Committee on 14 January, where community benefits from energy developments was discussed.

The Working Paper invites the views of the public and key groups across the community benefit landscape on our proposals to:

- set updated community benefit fund level recommendations;
- provide clearer guidance on how different types of developments should provide community benefits;
- and improve our tools and support for community groups.

These proposals reflect extensive evidence gathered through the 2024-25 consultation and subsequent in-depth engagement with communities, developers and third and public sector bodies.

My officials will now undertake a programme of regional discussions with stakeholders across Scotland, and I will engage with community groups and developers on the proposals. This feedback will inform the development of the final updated Good Practice Principles.

Yours sincerely,



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