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1. HIGHLIGHTS 2022

Securing wide-reaching **legislative blueprints** across a wide range of key sectors:

- Embedding climate mitigation, adaptation and wider environment considerations for the first time in the **national health framework**, which is responsible for **c.5%** of UK and **c.40%** of **public sector CO2 emissions**.
- Ensuring the inclusion of **energy efficiency in the definition of infrastructure** in which the **£22bn** new UK Investment Bank (UKIB) will invest. After Peers voted to include nature-based solutions and structures to support a circular economy the UKIB has now also taken a positive, strategic position on **natural capital investment**.
- Securing confirmation from Government that decision-makers will have to account for how a **state aid subsidy** impacts Climate Change and Environment Act targets and a commitment to set guidance post-Brexit on this – which will be used by over **500 public bodies** (in 2018 UK state aid amounted to **c. £8bn** spending).
- Voting to require Government to set a strategy for **energy demand reduction** in the Social Housing Bill as part of on-going efforts to press Government to deliver a national energy efficiency strategy. Whilst removed in the Commons, Peers won a concession that Government will consult on improving energy efficiency standards in social housing within six months of the Bill receiving Royal Assent.
- Voting to include climate and environment targets within the strategic priorities of the **national procurement policy statement** - with the UK spending **£300bn** pa on public procurement (**13% of GDP**), procurement is a significant lever for emissions reduction.

1. HIGHLIGHTS (CONT)

- Announcement that Government plans to relax restrictions on building **onshore wind** in England if developments have local support. Since the first Private Members Bill that P4P supported in 2020, Peers have pursued this persistently, building support across parties and providing the drafting that helped secure the decision in the Commons.
- Work last year on the **Skills and Post-16 Education Act 2022** is bearing fruit, with electric and hybrid vehicles, green construction, green energy, carbon capture, and waste management representing almost 55% of local skills plans currently published.
- **Sustained political momentum** in the Lords, despite a difficult context politically, with Peers maintaining 2021's uptake of interventions in Oral Questions and Balloted Debates; participating on a wide range of subject areas, and recruiting new supporters across parties.
- Supporting **thought-leadership**, including developing, testing and socialising the idea of a '**net zero test**' to better embed consideration for climate and nature goals consistently and early across policy-making.
- Capacity-building and learning for international legislators, such as via the formal **launch of Senators for Climate Solutions** in Canada; ensuring a strong narrative on the UK's **global climate leadership**, and **giving voice to vulnerable countries** in the House.
- Consistently positive feedback from Peers and external stakeholders on the **high quality, effectiveness and impact** of the group and its work.
- Securing new income which will enable us to operate to Q3 2024, putting the organisation on a more **sustainable footing** and enabling us to build the team with the right skills mix to maximise our impact long-term.