

Environment, Planning and Countryside Committee

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Date: Wednesday, 11 October 2006

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Venue: Committee Room 2, Senedd

EU Biodiversity Policy Document

Purpose

1. To consider the EU Biodiversity Policy Document – Halting the Loss of Biodiversity by 2010 – and Beyond: Sustaining ecosystem services for human well-being.

Background

2. The Committee first identified this policy document for scrutiny in March 2005.

3. The Commission's communication was adopted on 22 May 2006.

4. At the last Committee meeting, Members discussed the document in the context of the world-wide debate on biodiversity loss and actions outlined in the Wales Environment Strategy to address the 10 EU priorities.

5. In light of the significance of this issue, and following the Committee's visit to Brussels and a briefing on the biodiversity document by DG Environment, the Committee agreed to receive a presentation via video link from the European Commission.

Recommendation

5. That the Committee considers a presentation on the EU Biodiversity Policy Document, Halting the Loss of Biodiversity by 2010 – and Beyond: Sustaining ecosystem services for human well-being.

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