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Title	Subject	Timing	Committee action
Reform Treaty Intergovernmental Conference (IGC)	As agreed at the June European Council, the Portuguese Presidency has launched an Intergovernmental Conference (IGC) to draw up a Reform Treaty for the EU, instead of a Constitutional Treaty. The IGC will agree the reforms to the EU's institutions and its competencies. The Treaty will include provisions on the principle of subsidiarity and how it relates to regions and local authorities, as well as on the role of national parliaments. The UK government has published a White Paper on the IGC.	IGC - 23 July – 18 Oct 2007 Endorsement of Treaty by EU Council – 13 December 2007.	Scrutiny of First Minister – October 2007. Liaise with UK Parliament on implications of new provisions.
Consultation on the review of the EU budget	There will be a general review of the EU budget in 2008/09, in preparation for the post 2013 financial perspective. The review will consider the EU's future policy priorities and revenue and include questions on the future of the Common Agricultural Policy and cohesion policy. An issues paper will be published in September 2007 as the basis for consultation of all stakeholders until Spring 2008. This will focus on policy priorities not budget amounts.	Consultation: 15 September 2007 – 15 April 2008 Major conference - May 2008. Proposals expected - end 2008/2009.	Scrutiny of First Minister – Autumn 2007. Consider evidence from stakeholders and respond to consultation – Autumn 07. Follow up work in 2008.
Consultation on future of regional policy	The 4 th Cohesion Report was adopted on 30 May 2007. It includes a set of consultation questions on the long-term prospects for regional policy. The EU-wide consultation will be launched by Commissioner Hubner at the Cohesion forum in Brussels, on 27 September, which the First Minister will also address. It will consider how cohesion policy should adapt to new challenges such as climate change, and how its delivery can be improved to maximise its impact. The conclusions will feed into the review of the EU budget and will be published in the 5 th progress report on cohesion in Spring 2008.	Consultation closes December 2007? Cohesion Forum, Brussels 27 September	Scrutiny of First Minister – Autumn 2007. Consider evidence and respond to consultation by December 2007. Enterprise and Learning Committee may consider the implementation of the new programmes in 2008 and the future of regional

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Action Plan follow up to white paper on European communication policy	The White Paper on a European Communication Policy sought to address concerns that most European citizens know very little about the EU and that they feel that they have no say in its decisions. The Commission's report on the consultation findings is due in Autumn 2007 and will be the basis for an action plan – including ways of engaging national and regional politicians to strengthen Europe's place in national debate.	Publication - October 2007	policy (second half of 2008). Discuss with EC Office in Wales. Consider implications for WAG and NAW - Autumn 07 – Spring 08.
Green Paper on a European climate change adaptation programme - consultation	The Green Paper, published on 29 June 2007, is the Commission's first comprehensive policy initiative on adaptation with suggestions for possible actions at EU, national and regional level. Its main objective is to kick-start a Europe-wide debate on how to take it forward. The follow up White Paper in 2008 will detail specific actions on adaptation to be undertaken by the Commission. (The WAG Climate Change Adaptation Plan is expected in Autumn 2007.)	Consultation closes – 30 November 2007 White Paper expected - end of 2008.	Consider taking evidence and responding – Oct / Nov 2007.
Consultation on Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) "Health Check"	The "Health Check" will consider the effects of the reform of the CAP in 2003, such as introduction of the Single Payment Scheme, cross compliance and levels of modulation of funds from direct payments to rural development. The consultation will set out the Commission's thinking. It will also reflect on the future of CAP post 2013 as part of the review of the EU budgetary. Legislative proposals will then be brought forward in 2008.	Consultation - opens November 2007. Legislative proposals - first half of 2008.	Consider taking evidence, scrutiny of Minister and responding – Spring 2007. Link to Rural Development Sub-Committee?
Lisbon Agenda: Strategic Report on the first cycle of the "Growth and Jobs" Strategy	Preparations for the next three-year cycle of the Lisbon Strategy of economic reform will be launched with the publication of the Commission's Strategic Review in December 2007. This interim review of the strategy will be agreed at the 2008 Spring European Council.	Review publication - December 2007	Scrutiny of WAG – Spring 2008. Follow up work later in 2008.

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White Paper on Health in Europe	The European Commission will publish a new Health Strategy in September 2007, following consultation over a number of years. It aims to provide, for the first time, a strategic framework spanning core issues in health, integrating health in all policies and global health issues. The Strategy will guide future work on health at the European level, and put in place implementation mechanisms, working in partnership with Member States.	Publication - September 2007	Scrutiny of WAG – Autumn 2007.
Maritime Policy for Europe – way forward	A Green Paper on an EU maritime policy was published in June 2006. The Commission is seeking to establish an integrated approach to maritime policy at the European level, to enable joined up decision-making on a whole range of issues which are linked through their use of the sea. Initial conclusions will be published in October 2007 (Blue Book), followed by a white paper on a Common European Maritime Space in 2008.	Blue Book - October 2007 White Paper and implementing initiatives - 2008.	Scrutiny of WAG; active engagement and follow up of work of Committees in the Second Assembly.
Consultation - stocktaking of European social reality	The Commission published a consultation document on 21 February 2007 to seek views on the social changes facing European societies: work; family life; demographic trends; the position of women; social mobility, poverty and inequality; increasing multicultural societies. It is seeking views on what contributes to today's 'well being', access to education and employment. A report on its conclusions will draw out key issues for Europe at all levels of governance. It will contribute to the EU budgetary review.	Consultation closes – 31 December 2007	Consider responding and scrutiny of WAG.

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Review of the single market	<p>The Commission's final report on the Single Market Review will be published in the autumn, and will be an important stepping stone towards improving the functioning and opportunities offered by the single market – in particular small and medium sized enterprises - and will contain concrete proposals for action. It follows the interim report by the Commission on its vision of the internal market for the 21st century which was presented to the Spring European Council (21 February 2007). Further legislation may follow in 2008.</p>	<p>Report - Autumn 2007</p> <p>Followed by further legislation in 2008.</p>	<p>Scrutiny of WAG – Autumn 2007.</p> <p>Follow up work in 2008.</p>
EU energy package – legislative proposals.	<p>The European Commission adopted its first major package of proposals on energy policy on 10 January 2007. It was endorsed by EU leaders at the Spring European Council (March 2007), and includes a target of cutting 20% of the EU's greenhouse gas emissions by 2020; a binding 20% target for the overall share of renewable energy by 2020; and a binding 10% target for the share of biofuels in transport fuel by 2020; improving energy efficiency by 20% by 2020. The Commission is now drafting proposals to incorporate these targets in legislation. It will also produce a Strategic Plan on Energy Technologies and a proposal to revise the EU Emissions Trading Scheme.</p>	<p>Draft legislative proposals – December 2007.</p>	<p>Sustainability Committee enquiry into carbon dioxide emissions reduction in Wales is likely to consider this.</p>

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Title	Timing
Enterprise and Learning	
Green paper on urban transport	September 2007
Communication on delivering the Lisbon agenda through the structural funds programmes	November 2007
Mid-term review of the "Modern SME policy"	October 2007
European Ports Policy	October 2007
Mid-term review of the implementation of the Social Agenda 2005-2010	November 2007
Implementation of the "Education and Training 2010 work programme"	November 2007
Action Plan – "Towards a sustainable industrial policy" (<i>Preparatory consultation – closes 23 Sept 2007</i>)	December 2007
Health, well-being and local government	
Communication on the implementation of national strategies for green public procurement	Autumn 2007
Legislation on cross-border health services – "community framework for safe and efficient health services"	November 2007
Communication on a European Strategy for Social Services of General Interest	November 2007
Sustainability	
EU emissions trading scheme – draft legislation	Autumn 2007
Action Plan – "sustainable consumption and production" (<i>Preparatory consultation – closes 23 Sept 2007</i>)	December 2007

Rural Development	
EU Animal Health Strategy 2007 – 2013	September 2007
European Commission review of animal by product regulations	December 2007
Review of Less Favoured Areas – legislative proposals	Spring 2008
Communities and Culture	
Legislative proposal for a general framework directive addressing labour migration	September 2007
2010 as the European Year of combating Poverty and Social Exclusion	October 2007

Already published / on-going

Enterprise and Learning	
Green Paper on a European Research Area	Closed - 31 August 2007
The Mid Term Review of the EU's industrial policy	4 July 2007
Communication on Flexicurity (non-legislative)	27 June 2007
Communication on " <i>promoting solidarity between the generations</i> "	10 May 2007
Communities and Culture	
A European agenda for culture in a globalizing world	10 May 2007
White Paper on Sport	11 July 2007
Green Paper to debate the future of the Common European Asylum System	6 June 2007

Sustainability	
Waste framework directive	Adoption end of 2008? Negotiations on-going.

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Title	Timing	Committee action and domestic agenda
Communication on the transposition and implementation of EU law	Publication of communication - Autumn 2007.	Scrutiny of WAG / active engagement (with Sub-ordinate Legislation Committee?)
Structural Funds programmes – West Wales & Valleys Convergence programme; East Wales regional competitiveness and employment; European Territorial co-operation programmes	The UK National Strategic Framework was approved on 31 July 2007. Formal approval of the WW&V and East Wales programmes are expected by early Autumn.	To be considered by Enterprise and Learning Committee. EEAC may wish to scrutinise WAG on the co-operation programmes.
Wales Rural Development Plan 2007-2013	RDP was submitted by the WAG for the approval of the European Commission in July 2007. Review of Axis 2 measures – WAG proposals for modifying the RDP post 2010 will be published by the end of 2008 following consultation over 2007-08.	May be considered by the Rural Affairs Sub-Committee.
Services directive	UK government consultation – autumn 2007. Deadline for implementation 28 December 2009.	Scrutiny of WAG – Spring 2008.
Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of Chemicals (REACH)	UK consultation closed – 13 March – 4 June. Entered into force 1 June 2007.	Scrutiny of WAG - Autumn 2008.
EU's Television Without Frontiers directive – (audiovisual media services directive)	Expected to come into force by end of 2007. Deadline for implementation - end of 2009.	Scrutiny of WAG – Spring 2008.

