

Sustainability Committee

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Time: 13.00 – 15.00

Venue: Committee Room 3, Senedd

Assembly Members in attendance

Kirsty Williams, Brecon and Radnorshire
Alun Davies, Mid and West Wales
Lorraine Barrett, Cardiff South and Penarth
Irene James, Islwyn
Brian Gibbons, Aberavon
Angela Burns, Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Rhodri Glyn Thomas, Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Leanne Wood, South Wales Central

Witnesses

Alun Ffred Jones, Minister for Heritage (Item 2)
Jonathan Jones, Director, Tourism and Marketing (Item 2)
Marilyn Lewis, Director CADW (Item 2)
Leighton Andrews, Minister for Children, Education and Lifelong Learning (Item 3)
Mel Godfrey, Head of Capital Funding Funding Division (Item 3)
Katie Blackburn, Head of Strategy Unit (Item 3)
Rose Iles, Welsh Assembly Government (Item 3)
Tracey Burke, Director Strategy & Operations (Item 4)
Paul O'Donovan, Head of Strategic Policy (Department of Economy & Transport) (Item 4)
Jeff Collins, Director Infrastructure (including Housing & Regeneration) (Item 4)
Alison Smith, Sustainability Manager (Department of Economy & Transport) (Item 4)
Katie-Jo Luxton, Wales Environment Link (Item 5)
Anne Miekle, Wales Environment Link (Item 5)

Committee Staff

Aled Elwyn Jones, Clerk
Meriel Singleton, Deputy Clerk

Item 1: Introduction, Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Committee Members and members of the public. Apologies had been received from Brynle Williams, Joyce Watson, and Karen Sinclair. Brian Gibbons and Alun Davies substituted.

Item 2: Mainstreaming Sustainability and One Wales Commitments: Ministerial Session

2.1 The Committee scrutinised the Minister for Heritage on Mainstreaming Sustainability within his portfolio

2.2 The Minister agreed to provide Members with the following information:

How vulnerable sites within the CADW portfolio are dealing with the potential impact of climate change such as flooding

Specific actions within his portfolio taken to mainstream sustainability

Item 3: Mainstreaming Sustainability and One Wales Commitments: Ministerial Session

3.1 The Committee scrutinised the Minister for Education, Children and Lifelong Learning on Mainstreaming Sustainability within his portfolio

3.2 The Minister agreed to provide the following information:

Further information on ways sustainable procurement could be developed within his portfolio and whether emissions could be utilised as a procurement requirement.

Item 4: Mainstreaming Sustainability and One Wales Commitments: Ministerial Session

4.1 The Committee scrutinised officials department for Economy and Transport on Mainstreaming Sustainability within their portfolio

4.2 The Minister agreed to provide the following information:

Further information on how businesses were approaching, and the cost implication of, the commitments in the EU ETS and Carbon Reduction Commitment

Item 5: Environmental Delivery Options in Wales :Evidence Session

5.1 The Committee questioned the witnesses on the environmental delivery options in Wales.

5.2 Katie-Jo Luxton agreed to provide further information on where the current delivery bodies have similar functions

Item 6: Papers to Note

6.1 The Committee noted the following papers:

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