

# Sustainability Committee

## Minutes (SC(3)-05-09)

**Date:** 5 March 2009

**Time:** 13:05 - 15:00

**Venue:** Committee Room 3, Senedd

### Assembly Members in Attendance

Mick Bates (Chair), Montgomeryshire  
Alun Davies, Mid and West Wales  
Lesley Griffiths, Wrexham  
Brynle Williams, North Wales  
Rhodri Glyn Thomas, Carmarthen East and Dinefwr  
Leanne Wood, South Wales Central

### Committee Service

Virginia Hawkins, Clerk  
Meriel Singleton, Deputy Clerk

### Others in Attendance

Jane Davidson, Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing  
Jocelyn Davies, Deputy Minister for Housing  
Mathew Quinn, Welsh Assembly Government  
Francois Samuel, Welsh Assembly Government  
Simon Bilsborough, Welsh Assembly Government  
Neil Hemington, Welsh Assembly Government  
Jon Fudge, Welsh Assembly Government

### Item 1: Introduction, Apologies and Substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Lorraine Barrett, Angela Burns and Karen Sinclair. The Chair thanked Darren Millar for his work on the Sustainability Committee.

### Item 2: Report on the implementation of Sustainable Development targets and policies by the Welsh Assembly Government: Environment, Sustainability and Housing Portfolio

2.1 The Chair welcomed Jane Davidson, Jocelyn Davies and their officials to the meeting and invited them to make some opening remarks on the implementation of Sustainable Development targets and policies by the Welsh Assembly Government. Members questioned the witnesses.

2.2 The Chair agreed to write the Minister with the questions not reached during the scrutiny session.

### Item 3: Inquiry into Carbon Reduction in Wales: Scrutiny Session on Planning

3.1 The Chair welcomed Jane Davidson and her officials to the meeting and invited them to make some opening remarks on Carbon Reduction via Planning. Members questioned the witnesses.

3.2 The Chair agreed to write to the Minister with the questions not reached during the scrutiny session.

3.3 The Minister agreed to provide the Committee with further information on the Welsh Assembly Government's relationship with the Infrastructure Planning Committee and their plans to input into the National Planning Statement.