

Sustainability Committee

Concise Minutes : SC(3)-19-10 : 7 October 2010

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Time: 9.00 – 11.00

Venue: Committee Room 3, Senedd

Assembly Members in attendance

Kirsty Williams, Brecon and Radnorshire
Lorraine Barrett, Cardiff South and Penarth
Jeff Cuthbert, Caerphilly
Alun Davies, Mid and West Wales
Joyce Watson, Mid and West Wales
Angela Burns, Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Rhodri Glyn Thomas, Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Leanne Wood, South Wales Central

Witnesses

Pauleen Lane, Infrastructure Planning Commission
Emrys Parry, Infrastructure Planning Commission
Mark Wilson, Infrastructure Planning Commission
Owain George, Infrastructure Planning Commission
Sean Christian, RSPB
Steven Bladwell

Committee Staff

Virginia Hawkins, Clerk
Meriel Singleton, Deputy Clerk
Roisin Willimott, Expert Advisor

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, Karen Sinclair and Irene James. Alun Davies and Jeff Cuthbert substituted.

Item 2: Inquiry into Planning – Evidence Session

Paper: SC(3)-19-10(p.1)

2.1 The Committee took evidence Pauleen Lane, Emrys Parry, Mark Wilson, and Owain George on the relationship of the Infrastructure Planning Commission with the Planning system in Wales.

Actions

The Committee requested further information on the resource difficulty the IPC had when trying to use Planning Aid Wales, to consult with the public on a major infrastructure project

Item 3: Inquiry into Biodiversity – Scene Setting Session

Paper: SC(3)-19-10(p.2)

3.1 The Committee took evidence Sean Christian and Steven Bladwell on Biodiversity loss in Wales.

Actions

The Committee requested further information on areas of the Brecon Beacons which have been designated for protection but have experienced difficulties in maintaining the necessary protection for the land.

The Committee requested further information on areas of the existing legislation relevant to Biodiversity which could be applied more effectively

Item 4: Papers to Note

4.1 The Committee noted the following papers:

Welsh Assembly Government Response to the Committee Report on Woody Biomass
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Sustainability Committee Timetable
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