

# **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

## **EDC 13-02(p2)**

**Date:** 10 July 2002

**Time:** 14.00 - 17.30

**Venue:** Committee Room 1, National Assembly Building, Cardiff Bay

**Title:** Review of Energy Policy in Wales: preliminary report on Renewable Energy consultation.

### **Background**

1. The Committee published its report on Renewable Energy on 25 April; this was the first report in its Review of Energy Policy in Wales. It invited comments on the issues raised in the Review and, in particular, invited views on the 6 recommendations. A copy of the Chair's letter is attached.
2. The closing date for the consultation was Friday 5 July. Because of Committee deadlines for papers this report reflects the situation 2 days before the deadline. The Chair will orally update Members on the situation at next week's meeting.

### **Responses received**

3. Comments have been received in a number of forms:
  - a. We have so far received 85 responses from individuals and organisations expressing views in the form of letters or reports to the Committee. These include a number of individuals that have written to endorse the views made by others and of which they had been made aware.
  - b. Friends of the Earth launched a post card campaign urging support for higher levels of renewable energy generation than those indicated in the EDC report. They invited members of the public to send a pre-printed card to their AM. 232 such cards have been forwarded on to us. 21 of these included additional comments, written in by hand, and these have been included amongst the responses at a) above.
  - c. Discussions were held at the North, South West and South East Wales Regional Committees and the minutes of these and representations made in this context will be taken as part of the Review. The Mid Wales Committee did not hold a discussion on the report but that Committee discussed renewable energy in July 2001 and the Minutes of that meeting will also be considered in summarising the consultation.

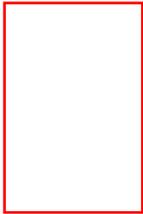
### **Next action**

4. We have deliberately not offered EDC a summary of responses received 'so far' because it seemed inappropriate to start coming to conclusions before all had been received. In addition, a number raise points that are worthy of careful consideration. Our intention is to study all the responses over the summer recess and to present to EDC early next term a summary of them and a draft report for consideration.

5. All responses, except where respondents have specifically requested us not to, will be published on the Internet when the summary is put to EDC. Given the volume we propose putting them on the Intranet, for Members consideration, in advance of publication to allow members more time to read them prior to the discussion.

**Committee Secretariat**

**4 July 2002**



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25 April 2001

## REVIEW OF ENERGY POLICY IN WALES

### CONSULTATION ON RENEWABLE ENERGY REPORT

I enclose a copy of the Economic Development Committee's consultation report on renewable energy. This is the first report in the Committee's review of energy policy in Wales.

The Committee chose energy policy as the subject for its next review because a secure and competitively-priced supply of energy is crucial to economic development in Wales and for our industry to be able to compete in the world-wide economy. But it is also an industrial sector in its own rights. Wales is well endowed with energy resources and has a track record of manufacturing and engineering - and both of these are vital to energy production. There are now unprecedented opportunities to develop new technologies, for research and innovation, and for jobs. If Wales takes the opportunities it can place itself at the forefront of these developments.

We selected renewable energy as the first topic in the Review because of the perceived urgency associated with planning issues and with facilitating an early start to an enhanced renewables program. We hope that our report will stimulate a wide public debate on the subject of renewable energy and invites views from people and organisations within Wales - and more widely.

The Committee has made 6 recommendations on the policy issues we consider most critical. You may find it helpful to address your comments in relation to these. Could I please have your response by Friday 5 July.

We welcome responses in Welsh or English and these can be sent in hard copy or electronically.

Letters should be addressed to:

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e-mail responses should be sent to the Committee's electronic mail box:

[Economic.comm@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Economic.comm@wales.gsi.gov.uk)

Further copies of the report are available on request from Gareth John on 029 2089 8429.

As part of the National Assembly's commitment to openness, we will place copies of written responses in the National Assembly's libraries and will make them available to the public on request. Please indicate if you wish your response or any part of it, not to be made publicly available.

If you need any further information please contact the Committee's Clerk John Grimes on 029 2089 8225 or its Deputy Clerk Sian Wilkins on 029 8029 8224.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



**Christine Gwyther AM**  
**Chair, Economic Development Committee**



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### YMGYNGHORIAD AR YR ADRODDIAD AR YNNI ADNEWYDDADWY

Amgaeaf gopi o adroddiad ymgynghori'r Pwyllgor Datblygu Economaidd ar ynni adnewyddadwy. Hwn yw'r adroddiad cyntaf sydd wedi deillio o adolygiad y Pwyllgor o bolisi ynni yng Nghymru.

Dewisodd y Pwyllgor bolisi ynni fel y pwnc ar gyfer ei adolygiad nesaf gan fod cyflenwad ynni diogel am bris cystadleuol yn hanfodol ar gyfer datblygu economi Cymru ac i alluogi ein diwydiant i gystadlu yn yr economi fyd-eang. Ond mae ynni hefyd yn sector diwydiannol ynddo'i hun. Mae gan Gymru gyfoeth o adnoddau ynni a hanes ym myd gweithgynhyrchu a pheirianeg, meysydd sy'n hanfodol i gynhyrchu ynni. Yn awr am y tro cyntaf, mae cyfle i ddatblygu technoleg newydd, i ymchwilio ac arloesi ac i greu swyddi. Os bydd Cymru'n manteisio ar y cyfle, gall fod ar flaen y gad yn y datblygiadau hynny.

Dewiswyd ynni adnewyddadwy fel pwnc cyntaf yr Adolygiad oherwydd tybiwyd bod angen ystyried materion cynllunio ar frys, ac er mwyn rhoi rhaglen ynni adnewyddadwy well ar waith yn fuan. Ein gobaith yw y bydd ein hadroddiad yn ysgogi trafodaeth gyhoeddus eang ar ynni adnewyddadwy a gwahoddwn sylwadau oddi wrth bobl a chyrrff yng Nghymru a thu hwnt.

Mae'r Pwyllgor wedi gwneud chwe argymhelliad ar y materion polisi pwysicaf yn ein barn ni.

Efallai y bydd o gymorth i chi gynnig sylwadau sy'n gysylltiedig â'r materion hynny. A fyddech cystal ag ymateb erbyn dydd Gwener 5 Gorffennaf.

Croesawn ymatebion yn Gymraeg neu yn Saesneg a gallwch eu hanfon ar bapur neu yn electronig.

Dylid anfon llythyrau at:

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Mae copïau ychwanegol o'r adroddiad ar gael oddi wrth Gareth John ar 029 2089 8429.

Yn unol ag ymrwymiad y Cynulliad Cenedlaethol i fod yn agored, byddwn yn rhoi copïau o'r ymatebion ysgrifenedig yn llyfrgelloedd y Cynulliad Cenedlaethol a bydd modd i'r cyhoedd ofyn i'w gweld. A fyddech cystal â nodi os nad ydych yn fodlon i'ch ymateb neu unrhyw ran ohono fod ar gael i'r cyhoedd.

I gael rhagor o wybodaeth, mae croeso i chi gysylltu â Chlerc y Pwyllgor, John Grimes, ar 029 2089 8225 neu'r Dirprwy Glerc, Sian Wilkins, ar 029 2089 8224.

Edrychaf ymlaen at glywed oddi wrthyich.

Yn gywir



**Christine Gwyther AC**

# Cadeirydd, Pwyllgor Datblygu Economaidd