

Agenda – Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee

Meeting Venue:

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Video Conference via Zoom

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Meeting date: 20 January 2022

Committee Clerk

Meeting time: 09.15

0300 200 6565

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Private pre-meeting (09.00–09.15)

In accordance with Standing Order 34.19, the Chair has determined that the public are excluded from the Committee's meeting in order to protect public health. This meeting will be broadcast live on senedd.tv.

Public meeting (09.15–11.25)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

(09.15)

2 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2022–23 – session 1

(09.15–10.15)

(Pages 1 – 75)

Julie James MS, Minister for Climate Change

Lee Waters MS, Deputy Minister for Climate Change

Dean Medcraft, Director of Finance & Operations

Gian Marco Currado , Director Environment and Marine

John Howells , Director of Climate Change, Energy and Planning

Steve Vincent , Director Economic Infrastructure



Attached Documents:

Research brief – Welsh Government draft budget 2022–23

Paper – Welsh Government: draft budget proposals for 2022–23

Break (10.15–10.25)

3 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2022–23 – session 2

(10.25–11.25)

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Lunch Break (11.25–12.20)

Private pre-meeting (12.20–12.30)

Public meeting (12.30–14.00)

4 Annual scrutiny of Natural Resources Wales

(12.30–14.00)

(Pages 76 – 97)

Sir David Henshaw, Chair – Natural Resources Wales

Clare Pillman, Chief Executive – Natural Resources Wales

Ceri Davies, Executive Director for Evidence, Policy and Permitting – Natural Resources Wales

Attached Documents:

Research brief – Annual scrutiny of Natural Resources Wales

Annual Report and Accounts 2020–21 – Natural Resources Wales

Paper – Natural Resources Wales

5 Papers to note

(14.00)

5.1 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2022–23

(Pages 98 – 100)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair of the Finance Committee, to the Chair, in relation to the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2022–23

5.2 Future funding of Natural Resources Wales

(Pages 101 – 103)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Minister for Climate Change regarding future funding of Natural Resources Wales

Response from the Minister for Climate Change to the letter from the Chair in relation to future funding of Natural Resources Wales

5.3 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2022–23 and annual scrutiny of Natural Resources Wales

(Pages 104 – 108)

Attached Documents:

Paper from RSPB Cymru regarding the Welsh Government draft budget 2022–23 and annual scrutiny of Natural Resources Wales

Paper from Ramblers Cymru regarding the Welsh Government draft budget 2022–23

5.4 Single use plastic items

(Pages 109 – 111)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Minister for Climate Change regarding an update on proposals to ban single use plastic items

Response from the Minister for Climate Change to the letter from the Chair regarding an update on proposals to ban single use plastic items

5.5 Marine environment management

(Pages 112 – 114)

Attached Documents:

Follow up information from Natural Resources Wales following their evidence session on marine environment management at the Committee's meeting on 9 Dec 2021

5.6 Sewage discharges

(Pages 115 – 116)

Attached Documents:

Response from the Chair, Natural Resources Wales to the Chair's letter of 22 November regarding unpermitted sewage discharges

5.7 Common Frameworks – Radioactive Substances

(Page 117)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Minister for Climate Change to the Chair regarding the Framework Outline Agreement and Concordat for the Radioactive Substances Common Framework

5.8 Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement between Senedd Cymru and the Welsh Government

(Pages 118 – 119)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair, Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee in relation to the Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement between Senedd Cymru and the Welsh Government

5.9 Inter-Ministerial Group for Environment, Food, and Rural Affairs

(Pages 120 – 121)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd and the Minister for Climate Change regarding the Inter-Ministerial Group for Environment Food and Rural Affairs

5.10 Inter-Ministerial Group on Net Zero, Energy and Climate Change

(Page 122)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Minister for Climate Change to the Chair regarding the Inter-Ministerial Group on Net Zero, Energy and Climate Change

5.11 Future Wales: The National Plan 2040

(Pages 123 – 126)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Minister for Climate Change regarding Future Wales: the national plan 2040

Response from the Minister for Climate Change to the letter from the Chair in relation to Future Wales: the national plan

5.12 Pesticides (Revocation) (EU Exit) Regulations 2022

(Pages 127 – 128)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Minister for Climate Change to the Chair, Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee regarding the Pesticides (Revocation) (EU Exit) Regulations 2022

5.13 Approved Country Lists (Animals and Animal Products) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2021

(Pages 129 – 130)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd to the Chair regarding the Approved Country Lists (Animals and Animal Products) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2021

**5.14 Official Controls (Extension of Transitional Periods) (Amendment) (No. 2)
Regulations 2021**

(Pages 131 – 132)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd to the Chair, Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee regarding the Official Controls (Extension of Transitional Periods) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2021

5.15 The Morlais project

(Pages 133 – 136)

Attached Documents:

Paper from Natural Resources Wales regarding the Morlais tidal demonstration zone project

5.16 The use of the term BAME (Black, Asian and minority ethnic)

(Pages 137 – 138)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair, Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee to the Chief Executive and Clerk of the Senedd Commission regarding the use of the term BAME

5.17 Timetable for Senedd Committee Business

(Pages 139 – 146)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Llywydd to Senedd Committee Chairs regarding the timetable for Senedd Committee Business

**6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) and (ix) to resolve to
exclude the public from the remainder of today's meeting**

(14.00)

Private meeting (14.00–15.00)

**7 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2022–23 –
consideration of evidence heard under items 2 and 3**

**8 Annual scrutiny of Natural Resources Wales – consideration of
evidence heard under item 4**

9 Consideration of the Committee's forward work programme

(Pages 147 – 192)

Attached Documents:

Paper – Forward work programme

**10 Consideration of the letter from the Llywydd regarding the
timetable for Senedd Committee Business**