

Agenda – Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee

Meeting Venue:

Hybrid: Committee room 4 Tŷ Hywel
and video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 29 March 2023

Meeting time: 09.30

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Private pre-meeting (09.15–09.30)

Public meeting (09.30–11.30)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

(09.30)

2 The Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Bill – evidence from the Minister for Climate Change: part 1

(09.30–10.30)

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Julie James MS, Minister for Climate Change

Olwen Spiller, Deputy Head of Environmental Protection – Welsh Government

Roger Herbert, Head of Air Quality Monitoring, Evidence and Assessment – Welsh Government

Helen Rowley, Lawyer – Welsh Government

[The Environment \(Air Quality and Soundscapes\) \(Wales\) Bill, as introduced](#)
[Explanatory Memorandum](#)
[Statement of policy intent](#)

Attached Documents:

Research brief – The Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Bill –



Senedd Cymru
Welsh Parliament

Summary of provisions – The Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes)
(Wales) Bill

Break (10.30–10.40)

3 The Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Bill – evidence from the Minister for Climate Change: part 2

(10.40–11.30)

Julie James MS, Minister for Climate Change

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Roger Herbert, Head of Air Quality Monitoring, Evidence and Assessment –
Welsh Government

Helen Rowley, Lawyer – Welsh Government

4 Papers to note

(11.30)

4.1 The Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Bill

(Pages 38 – 39)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Llywydd in relation to the proposed timetable for
the Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Bill

4.2 The Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Wales) Bill

(Pages 40 – 41)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the First Minister to the Llywydd in relation to the Environmental
Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Wales) Bill and the World Trade
Organisation's (WTO) Technical Barriers to Trade Agreement

4.3 Digital Connectivity in Wales

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Attached Documents:

Update from the Welsh Government in relation to recommendations made in the Committee's report: Digital Connectivity – broadband published in November 2022

4.4 Inter-ministerial Group on Net Zero, Energy and Climate Change

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Minister for Climate Change to the Chair in relation to the Inter-ministerial Group on Net Zero, Energy and Climate Change

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

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee in relation to the Inter-Ministerial Group for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

4.6 The Packaging Waste (Data Collection and Reporting) (Wales) Regulations 2023

(Pages 53 – 54)

Attached Documents:

Correspondence from the Minister for Climate Change to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee in relation to The Packaging Waste (Data Collection and Reporting) (Wales) Regulations 2023

4.7 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023–24

(Pages 55 – 56)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair of the Finance Committee to Committee Chairs in relation to draft budget documentation provided by the Welsh Government

- 5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of today's meeting**
(11.30)

Private meeting (11.30–12.30)

- 6 The Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Bill – consideration of evidence received**

- 7 Common framework for the UK Emissions Trading Scheme – technical briefing**

(Pages 57 – 66)

Attached Documents:

Research brief – Provisional Common Frameworks: Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS)

- 8 Annual scrutiny of Natural Resources Wales – consideration of the Committee's draft report**

- 9 Consideration of the letter from the Chair of the Finance Committee in relation to draft budget documentation provided by the Welsh Government**

- 10 Consideration of the Committee's forward work programme**

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Attached Documents:

Paper – Forward work programme