

# Agenda – Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee

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Meeting Venue:

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

Meeting date: 8 June 2023

Meeting time: 09.30

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**Private pre-meeting (09.15–09.30)**

**Public meeting (09.30–12.15)**

## **1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest**

(09.30)

## **2 Biodiversity and the nature emergency – evidence session 1**

(09.30–10.45)

(Pages 1 – 50)

Dr Jonathan Davies, Senior Ecologist, Nature Recovery, Bannau Brycheiniog – representing the Three National Park Authorities in Wales

Annie Smith, Head of Nature Policy and Casework, RSPB Cymru – representing Wales Environment Link

Chloe Wenman, Policy and Advocacy Manager (Wales), Marine Conservation Society – representing Wales Environment Link

Attached Documents:

Research brief – Biodiversity

Paper – Dr Jonathan Davies, the Three National Park Authorities in Wales

Paper – Pathways to 2030, Wales Environment Link

Paper – Nature Positive Bill, Wales Environment Link



## **Break (10.45–11.00)**

### **3 Biodiversity and the nature emergency – evidence session 2**

(11.00–12.15)

(Pages 51 – 61)

Dr Katie Medcalf, Environment Director – Environment Systems

Dr Tim Pagella, Lecturer in Forestry – Bangor University

Dr Richard Unsworth, Associate Professor, Biosciences – Swansea University

Attached Documents:

Paper – Dr Katie Medcalf, Environment Systems

Paper – Dr Tim Pagella, Bangor University

### **4 Papers to note**

(12.15)

#### **4.1 The Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Wales) Bill**

(Pages 62 – 63)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Minister for Climate Change in relation to the Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Wales) Bill

#### **4.2 Plenary debate on the Committee’s annual report on the National Infrastructure Commission for Wales—2022–23**

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Association of British Insurers to the Chair regarding the Plenary debate on the Committee’s annual report on the National Infrastructure Commission for Wales—2022–23

#### **4.3 Climate Cymru priorities**

(Pages 65 – 70)

Attached Documents:

Letter from Climate Cymru to the Chair in relation to priority work areas for the Committee's consideration

#### **4.4 Ffos-y-Fran opencast coal mine**

(Pages 71 – 72)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Coal Action Network to the Chair regarding Ffos-y-Fran opencast coal mine

#### **4.5 Net Zero, Energy and Climate Change Inter-Ministerial Group**

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Attached Documents:

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

### **5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of today's meeting (12.15)**

#### **Private meeting (12.15–13.00)**

### **6 Biodiversity and the nature emergency – consideration of evidence received under items 2 and 3**

### **7 Consideration of the Committee's draft report on the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill**

(Pages 74 – 77)

Attached Documents:

Draft report

**8 The Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Bill –  
technical briefing from Welsh Government officials**