

# Agenda – Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Committee room 4 Tŷ Hywel  
and video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 6 July 2023

Meeting time: 09.30

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**Private pre-meeting** (09.15–09.30)

**Public meeting** (09.30–11.40)

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

(09.30)

**2 Infrastructure (Wales) Bill – Evidence session with the Minister for Climate Change**

(09.30–10.30)

(Pages 1 – 34)

Julie James MS, Minister for Climate Change

Neil Hemington, Chief Planner – Welsh Government

Owen Struthers, Head of National Consenting – Welsh Government

Nicholas Webb, Lawyer – Welsh Government

Attached Documents:

Research brief – Infrastructure (Wales) Bill Stage 1 scrutiny

**Break** (10.30–10.40)



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### **3 Infrastructure (Wales) Bill – Evidence session with the Minister for Climate Change**

(10.40–11.40)

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### **4 Papers to note**

(11.40)

#### **4.1 Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Wales) Act 2023**

(Pages 35 – 36)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Minister of Climate Change to the Chair in relation to the Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Wales) Act 2023

#### **4.2 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023–24**

(Pages 37 – 39)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair of the Finance Committee to the Minister for Finance and Local Government in relation to the documentation accompanying the Welsh Government's Draft Budget

#### **4.3 Resources and Waste Common Framework**

(Page 40)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Minister for Climate Change to the Chair in relation to The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2023

#### **4.4 The UK Emissions Trading Scheme**

(Pages 41 – 49)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Minister for Climate Change to the Chair in relation to the provisional common framework for the UK Emissions Trading Scheme

**4.5 The Interministerial Group for Housing, Communities and Local Government**  
(Pages 50 – 51)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government to the Chair in relation to the Outcome of the Interministerial Group meeting for Housing, Communities and Local Government

**4.6 The Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Bill – Additional technical information from the Minister for Climate Change**  
(Pages 52 – 82)

Attached Documents:

Correspondence from the Minister for Climate Change in relation to the written technical briefing on the Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Bill

Letter from the Minister for Climate Change in relation to a discrepancy between the EM and the Bill relating to smoke control

**4.7 The Infrastructure (Wales) Bill – Correspondence between the Minister for Climate Change and the Secretary of State for Levelling-Up**  
(Pages 83 – 95)

Attached Documents:

Correspondence between the Minister for Climate Change and the Secretary of State for Levelling-Up in relation to the Infrastructure (Wales) Bill

**4.8 Ffos-y-Fran opencast coal mine – Legal opinion commissioned and shared by Coal Action Network**  
(Pages 96 – 128)

Attached Documents:

Legal opinion commissioned and shared by Coal Action Network

- 5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of today's meeting**  
(11.40)

**Private meeting (11.40–14.00)**

- 6 Infrastructure (Wales) Bill – Consideration of evidence received under items 2 and 3**

- 7 Consideration of the Committee's forward work programme – Autumn 2023**

(Pages 129 – 135)

Attached Documents:

Paper – Forward work programme

- 8 The Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Bill – Consideration of the Committee's Stage 1 draft Report**

(Pages 136 – 194)

Attached Documents:

Draft report – The Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Bill:  
Stage 1 report

**Lunch break (12.30–13.15)**

- 9 The Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Bill – Consideration of the Committee's Stage 1 draft Report**