

Concise Minutes – Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee

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

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Meeting date: Thursday, 6 July 2023

Meeting time: 09.30 – 12.15

Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Llyr Gruffydd MS (Chair) Huw Irranca-Davies MS Delyth Jewell MS Jenny Rathbone MS Joyce Watson MS
Witnesses:	Julie James MS, Minister for Climate Change Neil Hemington, Welsh Government Owen Struthers, Welsh Government Nicholas Webb, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Marc Wyn Jones (Clerk) Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk) Lukas Evans Santos (Deputy Clerk)



1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

1.2 Apologies were received from Janet Finch–Saunders MS.

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

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4 Papers to note

4.1 The papers were noted.

- 4.1 Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Wales) Act 2023**
- 4.2 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023–24**
- 4.3 Resources and Waste Common Framework**
- 4.4 The UK Emissions Trading Scheme**
- 4.5 The Interministerial Group 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**
- 4.7 The Infrastructure (Wales) Bill – Correspondence between the Minister for Climate Change and the Secretary of State for Levelling-Up**
- 4.8 Ffos-y-Fran opencast coal mine – 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**
 - 5.1 The motion was agreed.
- 6 Infrastructure (Wales) Bill – Consideration of evidence received under items 2 and 3**
 - 6.1 The Committee considered the evidence received under items 2 and 3.
- 7 Consideration of the Committee's forward work programme – Autumn 2023**
 - 7.1 The Committee discussed and agreed its forward work programme for the autumn term.
- 8 The Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Bill – Consideration of the Committee's Stage 1 draft Report**
 - 8.1 Members agreed the draft report subject to a few minor amendments.

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