

Agenda – Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 4 Tŷ Hywel
and video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 13 September 2023

Meeting time: 09.45

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Private pre-meeting (09.15–09.45)

Briefing from Expert Adviser

Public meeting (09.45–11.55)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

(09.45)

2 Infrastructure (Wales) Bill – Evidence session with academics

(09.45–10.45)

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Hannah Hickman – Associate Professor of Planning Practice, University of the West of England, Bristol

Kelvin MacDonald – Senior Teaching Associate, University of Cambridge

Attached Documents:

Infrastructure Bill – Bill summary

Infrastructure (Wales) Bill – Summary of written evidence

Infrastructure (Wales) Bill – Suggested questions

Paper – Hannah Hickman

Paper – Kelvin MacDonald

Break (10.45–10.55)



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3 Infrastructure (Wales) Bill – Evidence session with local planning authorities

(10.55–11.55)

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Sara Morris – Director of Placemaking, Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority

Steve Ball – Development Management, Cardiff Council

Peter Morris – Professional Lead, Planning, Powys County Council

Attached Documents:

Paper – Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority

Paper – Welsh Local Government Association

4 Papers to note (11.55)

4.1 Infrastructure (Wales) Bill – Statement of Policy Intent

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Attached Documents:

Infrastructure (Wales) Bill – Statement of Policy Intent

4.2 The Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Bill – Welsh Government response to the Committee’s Stage 1 report

(Pages 167 – 186)

Attached Documents:

Welsh Government response to the Committee’s Stage 1 report on the Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Bill

4.3 The Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Bill – General Principles debate

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Attached Documents:

Correspondence from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and

Trefnydd in relation to the General Principles debate on the Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Bill

4.4 Downgrade of Dwr Cymru

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to Dwr Cymru in relation to the downgrade of Dwr Cymru

Letter from Jane Dodds MS to the Chair in relation to the downgrade of Dwr Cymru

Response from Dwr Cymru in relation to the letter from the Chair

4.5 Energy Bill LCM

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Minister for Climate Change regarding the UK Energy Bill Legislative Consent Memorandum

Response from the Minister for Climate Change to the Chair in relation to the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Energy Bill

Letter from the Chair to the Minister for Climate Change in relation to the Energy Bill Legislative Consent Memorandum

Letter from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to the attention of Mr Andrew Bowie MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero in relation to the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Energy Bill

4.6 Decarbonisation of housing: decarbonising the private housing sector

(Pages 212 – 221)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Minister for Climate Change in relation to decarbonisation of housing: decarbonising the private housing sector

Response from the Minister for Climate Change to the Chair in relation to decarbonisation of housing: decarbonising the private housing sector

4.7 Net Zero Wales: Carbon Budget 2 – Welsh Government Heat Strategy for Wales consultation

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Minister for Climate Change to the chair in relation to the Welsh Government Heat Strategy for Wales consultation.

4.8 Electric vehicle charging

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Attached Documents:

Correspondence from the Deputy Minister for Climate Change to the Chair in relation to electrical vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of today's meeting (11.55)

Private meeting (11.55–12.30)

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

7 Interim Environmental Governance Measures in Wales – consideration of the Committee's draft report

(Pages 224 – 237)

Attached Documents:

Draft report – Report on operation of interim environmental protection measures 2022–23