

Agenda – Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee

Meeting Venue:

Hybrid – Committee room 3 Senedd
and video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 20 September 2023

Meeting time: 09.30

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Private pre-meeting (09.15–09.30)

Briefing from Expert Adviser

Public meeting (09.30–11.40)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

(09.30)

2 Infrastructure (Wales) Bill – Evidence session with Natural Resources Wales and the National Infrastructure Commission for Wales

(09.30–10.30)

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Lisa Phillips, Senior Specialist Advisor, Water, Land, Biodiversity and Marine Regulatory Approaches Team – Natural Resources Wales

Rhian Jardine, Head of Development Planning Advisory and Marine Services – Natural Resources Wales

Dr David Clubb – Chair of the National Infrastructure Commission for Wales

Steve Brooks – National Infrastructure Commission for Wales Member

Attached Documents:

Infrastructure Bill – Bill summary

Infrastructure (Wales) Bill – Summary of written evidence



Infrastructure (Wales) Bill – Suggested questions

Paper – Natural Resources Wales

Paper – National Infrastructure Commission for Wales

Break (10.30–10.40)

3 Infrastructure (Wales) Bill – Evidence session with Community groups & RTPI Cymru

(10.40–11.40)

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James Davies, Chief Executive – Planning Aid Wales

Dr Roisin Willmott, Director – RTPI Cymru

Attached Documents:

Paper – RTPI Cymru

Paper – Planning Aid Wales

4 Papers to note (11.40)

4.1 Natural Resources Wales: Scrutiny of Annual Report and Accounts 2022–23

(Pages 88 – 133)

Attached Documents:

Welsh Government response to the Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee Report on Natural Resources Wales: Scrutiny of Annual Report and Accounts 2022–23

Natural Resources Wales response to the report Natural Resources Wales – Annual Scrutiny 2022–23

Natural Resources Wales response to the report Natural Resources Wales – Annual Scrutiny 2022–23 (Annex 1)

4.2 Transport for Wales – Procurement of Rolling Stock

(Pages 134 – 143)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair of the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee to the Chair of the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee on the Procurement of Rolling Stock by Transport for Wales

Letter from the Chair of the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee to Transport for Wales on the Procurement of Rolling Stock by Transport for Wales

Response from Transport for Wales to the Chair of the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee

4.3 Draft Budget Timetable 2024–25

(Pages 144 – 146)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair of the Finance Committee to the Minister for Finance and Local Government regarding the Draft Budget Timetable 2024–25

4.4 Annual scrutiny of operation of interim environmental protection measures

(Pages 147 – 153)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to ESS in relation to Annual scrutiny of operation of interim environmental protection measures

Letter from the Chair to OEP in relation to Annual scrutiny of operation of interim environmental protection measures

Response from ESS in relation to Annual scrutiny of operation of interim environmental protection measures

Response from OEP in relation to Annual scrutiny of operation of interim environmental protection measures

4.5 Landfill Disposals Tax (Wales) Act 2017

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Minister for Finance & Local Government regarding the Landfill Disposals Tax (Wales) Act 2017 – 6 July 2023

4.6 Bus services

(Pages 155 – 162)

Attached Documents:

Response from the Deputy Minister for Climate Change to the Chair in relation to Bus Services

4.7 Ffos-y-Fran opencast coalmine

(Pages 163 – 168)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Minister for Climate Change in relation to the Ffos-y-Fran opencast coal mine in Merthyr Tydfil

Response from the Minister for Climate Change to the Chair in relation to Ffos-y-Fran opencast coalmine

4.8 Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Wales) Act 2023

(Pages 169 – 171)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to Stakeholders in relation to the Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Wales) Act 2023

Correspondence from the First Minister to the LLlywydd in relation to the Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Wales) Act 2023

4.9 Legislative Statement – Environmental governance

(Pages 172 – 173)

Attached Documents:

Response from the First Minister to CCEI Chair letter regarding the Legislative Statement

4.10 Cable Ploughing Electricity Transmission Lines

(Pages 174 – 181)

Attached Documents:

Letter from Jonathan Edwards MP to the Chair in relation to Cable Ploughing Electricity Transmission Lines

Letter from A. Thomas Plant Hire Ltd to the Chair in relation to Cable

Ploughing Electricity Transmission Lines

Open letter from the Llanarthne and Area Community Pylon Group to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero in relation to New electricity lines

- 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 (11.40–12.10)

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

- 7 Consideration of Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (No.4) on the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill**

(Pages 182 – 200)

Attached Documents:

Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (No.4) on the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill – Briefing from officials

- 8 Consideration of forward work programme**

(Pages 201 – 205)

Attached Documents:

Paper – Forward work programme

9 The Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Bill – Order of consideration at Stage 2

(Pages 206 – 207)

Attached Documents:

Stage 2: The Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Bill – Order
of consideration