

Concise Minutes – Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee

Meeting Venue: Hybrid – Committee room 3 Senedd and video Conference via Zoom

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Meeting date: Wednesday, 20 September 2023

Meeting time: 09.30 – 12.15

Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Llyr Gruffydd MS (Chair) Janet Finch–Saunders MS Huw Irranca–Davies MS Delyth Jewell MS Jenny Rathbone MS Joyce Watson MS
Witnesses:	Lisa Phillips, Natural Resources Wales Rhian Jardine, Natural Resources Wales Dr David Clubb, National Infrastructure Commission for Wales Steve Brooks, National Infrastructure Commission for Wales James Davies, Planning Aid Wales Dr Roisin Willmott, National Director, Royal Town Planning Institute Cymru



Committee Staff:	Marc Wyn Jones (Clerk) Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk) Lukas Evans Santos (Deputy Clerk) Katie Wyatt (Legal Adviser) Andrew Minnis (Researcher)
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

1.2 In accordance with Standing Order 17.24A, Jenny Rathbone MS made a declaration of relevant interest.

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

2.1 The Committee received evidence from representatives from Natural Resources Wales and the National Infrastructure Commission for Wales.

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

3.1 The Committee received evidence from representatives from Planning Aid Wales & RTPI Cymru.

4 Papers to note

4.1 The papers were noted.

- 4.1 Natural Resources Wales: Scrutiny of Annual Report and Accounts 2022–23**
- 4.2 Transport for Wales – Procurement of Rolling Stock**
- 4.3 Draft Budget Timetable 2024–25**
- 4.4 Annual scrutiny of operation of interim environmental protection measures**
- 4.5 Landfill Disposals Tax (Wales) Act 2017**
- 4.6 Bus services**
- 4.7 Ffos-y-Fran opencast coalmine**
- 4.8 Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Wales) Act 2023**
- 4.9 Legislative Statement – Environmental governance**
- 4.10 Cable Ploughing Electricity Transmission Lines**
- 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 Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (No.4) on the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill**
 - 7.1 The Committee received a legal briefing on the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill.
- 8 Consideration of forward work programme**
 - 8.1 The Committee discussed and agreed its forward work programme.

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

9.1 The Committee considered issues relating to Stage 2.

9.2 The Committee agreed in accordance with Standing Order 26.21 to vary the consideration for Stage 2 proceedings on the Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Bill, and to consider the sections in the bill in the following order:

- Schedule 1 is considered immediately after Section 18; and
- Schedule 2 after Section 20.