

Concise Minutes – Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 3 Senedd
and video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 21 March 2024

Meeting time: 09.30 – 15.00

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Llyr Gruffydd MS (Chair) Huw Irranca-Davies MS
Witnesses:	Aled Jones, NFU Cymru Rachel Lewis-Davies, NFU Cymru Gareth Parry, Farmers' Union of Wales (FUW) Elin Jenkins, Farmers' Union of Wales (FUW) Rhys Evans, Nature Friendly Farming Network Arfon Williams, RSPB Andrew Tuddenham, Soil Association Alex Phillips, WWF Dr Ludivine Petetin, Cardiff University Professor Iain Donnison, Institute of Biological, Environmental and Rural Sciences
Committee Staff:	Marc Wyn Jones (Clerk)



	Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk) Lukas Evans Santos (Deputy Clerk) Masudah Ali (Legal Adviser)
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

1.1 Apologies were received from Delyth Jewell MS and Joyce Watson MS.

1.2 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

2 Welsh Government's proposals for a Sustainable Farming Scheme (SFS) – evidence session with farming representatives

2.1 The Committee received evidence from farming representatives.

3 Welsh Government's proposals for a Sustainable Farming Scheme (SFS) – evidence session with environmental organisations

3.1 The Committee received evidence from environmental organisations.

4 Welsh Government's proposals for a Sustainable Farming Scheme (SFS) – evidence session with academics

4.1 The Committee received evidence from academics.

5 Papers to note

5.1 The papers were noted.

- 5.1 Legislative Consent: Data Protection and Digital Information Bill**
- 5.2 Welsh Government's proposals for a Sustainable Farming Scheme (SFS)**
- 5.3 The Plant Health (Fees) (England) and Official Controls (Frequency of Checks) (Amendment) Regulations 2024**
- 5.4 Internal Drainage Districts**
- 5.5 The Environment and Rural Affairs (Revocation and Consequential Provision) Regulations 2024**
- 5.6 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25**
- 5.7 Scrutiny of Transport for Wales**
- 5.8 Net Zero, Energy and Climate Change Inter-Ministerial Group**
- 5.9 Ffos-y-Fran opencast coalmine**
- 5.10 Performance of Dwr Cymru Welsh Water**
- 6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of today's meeting**
 - 6.1 The motion was agreed.
- 7 Consideration of evidence received under items 2, 3 and 4**
 - 7.1 The Committee considered the evidence received under items 2, 3 and 4.
- 8 Consideration of draft report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Automated Vehicles Bill**
 - 8.1 Members agreed to consider and agree the draft report outside of Committee.

9 Consideration of draft report on the National Infrastructure Commission for Wales – 2022–23

9.1 Members agreed to consider and agree the draft report outside of Committee..

10 Consideration of the Committee's forward work programme – Summer 2024

10.1 Members agreed to consider and agree the forward work programme outside of Committee.