

Agenda – Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 4 Tŷ Hywel
and video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 20 November 2024

Meeting time: 09.30

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Hybrid

At its meeting on 16 October 2024, the Committee agreed a motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) and (ix) to exclude the public from the start of today's meeting.

Private meeting (09.15–10.15)

1 Consideration of Committee visits on 7 November 2024

2 Consideration of report on Cross-Committee visit to Ireland

(Pages 1 – 13)

Attached Documents:

Visit report: Cross-Committee visit to Ireland

3 Active Travel – technical briefing from Audit Wales

(10.15–11.00)

(Pages 14 – 87)

[Audit Wales – Active Travel Report, September 2024](#)

[Welsh Government response, November 2024](#)

Matthew Mortlock, Audit Director – Audit Wales

Seth Newman, Senior Auditor – Audit Wales



Senedd Cymru
Welsh Parliament

Rachel Davies, Audit Lead – Audit Wales

Attached Documents:

Technical briefing: Audit Wales – Active travel report

Active travel report – Audit Wales

Response – Welsh Government

Public meeting (11.15–12.15)

4 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

(11.15)

5 Scrutiny of the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning on energy, planning, Cardiff airport and ports

(11.15–12.15)

(Pages 88 – 118)

Rebecca Evans MS – Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning

Stephen Rowan, Deputy Director, National & International Connectivity –
Welsh Government

Neil Hemington, Chief Planner – Welsh Government

Edward Sherriff, Deputy Director Energy – Welsh Government

Attached Documents:

Research brief – Scrutiny of energy, planning, Cardiff airport and ports

Paper – Welsh Government

6 Papers to note (12.15)

6.1 Inquiry on waste

(Pages 119 – 134)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs in relation to the Committee's inquiry into waste in Wales

Response from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs to the Chair in relation to the the Committee's inquiry into waste in Wales

Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs in relation to The Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging and Packaging Waste) Regulations 2024

6.2 Legislative Consent: Water (Special Measures) Bill

(Pages 135 – 167)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to Stakeholders in relation to the Water (Special Measures) Bill

Response from OFWAT to the Chair in relation to the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Water (Special Measures) Bill

Follow up letter from OFWAT to the Chair in relation to OFWAT's consultation on Rules of Remuneration and Governance of water companies

Response from Natural Resources Wales to the Chair in relation to the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Water (Special Measures) Bill

Response from Welsh Water to the Chair in relation to the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Water (Special Measures) Bill

Response from the Consumer Council for Water to the Chair in relation to the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Water (Special Measures) Bill

Response from Hafren Dyfrdwy to the Chair in relation to the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Water (Special Measures) Bill

6.3 Welsh Government's proposals for a Sustainable Farming Scheme

(Pages 168 – 171)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair of the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee to

the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs in relation to the Sustainable Farming Scheme

Response from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs to the Chair of the Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee in relation to the Sustainable Farming Scheme

6.4 Wales–Ireland relations

(Pages 172 – 174)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to Brian Leddin TD, Chair of the Committee on Environment and Climate Action, in relation to a Cross committee exchange visit to Oireachtas

Response from Brian Leddin TD, Chair of the Committee on Environment and Climate Action, to the Chair in relation to the Cross committee exchange visit to Oireachtas

6.5 Scrutiny of Natural Resources Wales on topical issues

(Pages 175 – 179)

Attached Documents:

Evidence from Natural Resources Wales to the Chair following the session on the scrutiny of Natural Resources Wales on topical issues

6.6 Legislative Consent: Great British Energy Bill

(Pages 180 – 184)

Attached Documents:

Response from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning to the Chair in relation to the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Great British Energy Bill

Letter from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to the Llywydd and Chair of the Business Committee in relation to reporting timetables for Legislative Consent Memoranda

6.7 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26

(Pages 185 – 194)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs in relation to the Draft Budget 2025–26

Letter from the Chair to the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales in relation to Draft Budget 2025–26

Letter from the Chair to the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning in relation to the Draft Budget 2025–26

6.8 Halting and reversing the loss of nature by 2030

(Pages 195 – 204)

Attached Documents:

Letter from RSPB Cymru to the Chair in relation to the Committee's inquiry on halting and reversing the loss of nature by 2030

Additional evidence from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs in relation to the Committee's inquiry on halting and reversing the loss of nature by 2030

6.9 Marine Conservation Zones

(Pages 205 – 207)

Attached Documents:

Letter from RSPB Cymru Wales to the Chair in relation to Marine Conservation Zones

6.10 The climate and nature crisis

(Pages 208 – 209)

Attached Documents:

Joint letter from WWF Cymru and RSPB Cymru to the Chair in relation to the climate and nature crisis

6.11 Legislative Consent: Passenger Railway Services (Public Ownership) Bill

(Page 210)

Attached Documents:

Response from the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales to the Chair in relation to the Committee's report: Report on Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Passenger Railway Services (Public Ownership) Bill

- 7 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting (12.15)**

Private meeting (12.15–12.30)

- 8 Consideration of evidence received under items 3 and 5**