

# Agenda – Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Committee room 5 Tŷ Hywel  
and video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 18 July 2024

Meeting time: 09.30

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## Hybrid

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At its meeting on 26 June 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 (09.15–10.00)**

### 1 Consideration of draft report on proposals for a Sustainable Farming Scheme

(Pages 1 – 14)

Attached Documents:

Draft report on proposals for a Sustainable Farming Scheme

### 2 Consideration of draft report on the restoration of opencast mining sites

(Pages 15 – 53)

Attached Documents:

Draft report on the restoration of opencast mining sites



**3 Cross-committee call for evidence on the UK-EU implementation review of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA)**

(Pages 54 – 57)

Attached Documents:

Cross-committee call for evidence on the UK-EU implementation review of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA)

**Public meeting (10.00–11.00)**

**4 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest**

(10.00)

**5 Annual scrutiny of operation of interim environmental protection measures – evidence session with the Interim Environmental Protection Assessor for Wales**

(10.00–11.00)

(Pages 58 – 89)

Dr Nerys Llewelyn Jones – Interim Environmental Protection Assessor for Wales

Anna Heslop – Deputy Interim Environmental Protection Assessor for Wales

Lynda Warren – Deputy Interim Environmental Protection Assessor for Wales

Attached Documents:

Research brief – Annual scrutiny of the Interim Environmental Protection Assessor for Wales

Paper – Interim Environmental Protection Assessor for Wales Annual Report 2023–2024

## **6 Papers to note (11.00)**

### **6.1 Legislative Consent: Automated Vehicle Bill**

(Pages 90 – 91)

Attached Documents:

Response from the Cabinet Secretary for North Wales and Transport to the Committee's report: Report on Legislative Consent Memoranda for the Automated Vehicle Bill

### **6.2 Scrutiny of Transport for Wales**

(Pages 92 – 93)

Attached Documents:

Response from the Auditor General for Wales and CEO of Audit Wales to the Chair in relation to the scrutiny of Transport for Wales

### **6.3 Petition P-06-1395 Halt significant new development on the Gwent Levels SSSIs**

(Page 94)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair of the Petitions Committee to the Chair in relation to Petition P-06-1395 Halt significant new development on the Gwent Levels SSSIs

### **6.4 Progress towards emissions reduction**

(Pages 95 – 101)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs in relation to progress towards emissions reduction

### **6.5 Establishment and remits of committees**

(Pages 102 – 103)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair of the of the Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee to the Llywydd in relation to Committee Remits following the recent reconfiguration of the Welsh Government Cabinet

## **6.6 Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023**

(Pages 104 – 105)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs in relation to the National Emission Ceilings Regulations 2018 (NECR)

## **6.7 Draft Budget 2024–25**

(Pages 106 – 107)

Attached Documents:

Interim response from the Welsh Government in relation to the Committee's report: Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25 –

Recommendation: 16

## **6.8 Scrutiny of Natural Resources Wales**

(Pages 108 – 125)

Attached Documents:

Response from the CEO of Natural Resources Wales to the Committee's report: Natural Resources Wales – Annual Scrutiny 2023–24.

Response from the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs to the Committee's report: Natural Resources Wales – Annual Scrutiny 2023–24.

## **6.9 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26**

(Pages 126 – 128)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair of the Finance Committee to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Cabinet Office in relation to the Welsh Government Budget Timetable 2025–26

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

(11.00)

**8 Consideration of evidence received under item 5**

(11.00-11.15)