

Agenda – Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 4 Tŷ Hywel
and video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 8 January 2025

Meeting time: 08.45

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Hybrid

Private pre-meeting (08.45–09.00)

Public meeting (09.00–12.15)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

(09.00)

2 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26 – Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs

(09.00–10.30)

(Pages 1 – 58)

Huw Irranca-Davies MS, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs

Claire Bennett, Director of Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability – Welsh Government

Jamie Powell, Deputy Director of Finance – Welsh Government

Attached Documents:

Research brief – Scrutiny of the Draft Climate Change Budget

Paper – Welsh Government



Break (10.30–10.45)

**3 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26 –
Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales**

(10.45–12.15)

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Ken Skates MS, Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales

Peter McDonald, Director Economic Infrastructure – Welsh Government

Alex Walters, Deputy Director Public and Integrated Transport – Welsh
Government

Chris Warner, Deputy Director Transport Strategy and Policy – Welsh
Government

Attached Documents:

Research brief – Scrutiny of the Draft Transport Budget
Paper – Welsh Government

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

4 Papers to note (12.15)

4.1 Restoration of opencast mining sites

(Pages 99 – 112)

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 on
the restoration of opencast mining sites

Response from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate
Change and Rural Affairs to the Chair in relation to the committee's inquiry
on the restoration of opencast mining sites

Letter from the Chair to Merthyr (South Wales) Ltd in relation to the
committee's inquiry on the restoration of opencast mining sites

4.2 Inter-ministerial Group on UK–EU Relations

(Pages 113 – 114)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs to the Chair in relation to the Inter-Ministerial Group for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs to the Chair in relation to the Interministerial Group on Net Zero, Energy and Climate Change

4.3 Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the First Minister to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee in relation to the Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement: 42nd British–Irish Council Summit

4.4 Petition P–06–1478 Comprehensively review NRW and its failure to deliver its statutory obligations to protect Wales

(Pages 116 – 117)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair of the Petitions Committee to the Chair in relation to Petition P–06–1478 Comprehensively review NRW and its failure to deliver its statutory obligations to protect Wales

4.5 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26

(Pages 118 – 130)

Attached Documents:

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

4.6 UK Emissions Trading Scheme – Common Framework

(Pages 131 – 132)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs to the Chair in relation to the UK Emissions Trading Scheme

4.7 General scrutiny of the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales

(Pages 133 – 136)

Attached Documents:

Response from the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales to the Chair following the 27 November scrutiny session

Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales to Transport for Wales following the 27 November scrutiny session

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting and the start of the meeting on 23 January

(12.15)

Private meeting (12.15–12.45)

6 Consideration of evidence received under items 2 and 3

7 Consideration of the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No.4) on the Water (Special Measures) Bill

(Pages 137 – 142)

Attached Documents:

Legal note on the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No.4) on the Water (Special Measures) Bill