

Concise Minutes – Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 4 Tŷ Hywel and video

Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Wednesday, 8 January

2025

Meeting time: 09.00 – 12.35

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Llyr Gruffydd MS (Chair) Janet Finch–Saunders MS Delyth Jewell MS Julie Morgan MS Carolyn Thomas MS Joyce Watson MS
Witnesses:	Huw Irranca–Davies MS, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs Ken Skates MS, Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales Claire Bennett, Welsh Government Jamie Powell, Welsh Government Peter McDonald, Welsh Government Chris Warner, Welsh Government



	<p>Andy Falley, Welsh Government</p> <p>Steve Vincent, Welsh Government</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>Marc Wyn Jones (Clerk)</p> <p>Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk)</p> <p>Lukas Evans Santos (Deputy Clerk)</p> <p>Katie Wyatt (Legal Adviser)</p> <p>Andrew Minnis (Researcher)</p> <p>Katy Orford (Researcher)</p>

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, Carolyn Thomas MS made a declaration of relevant interest.

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

2.1 The Committee received evidence from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs and officials.

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

3.1 The Committee received evidence from the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales and officials.

4 Papers to note

4.1 The papers were noted.

- 4.1 Restoration of opencast mining sites**
- 4.2 Inter-ministerial Group on UK-EU Relations**
- 4.3 Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement**
- 4.4 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**
- 4.6 UK Emissions Trading Scheme – Common Framework**
- 4.7 General scrutiny of the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales**

- 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**
 - 5.1 The motion was agreed.

- 6 Consideration of evidence received under items 2 and 3**
 - 6.1 Members considered the evidence heard under items 2 and 3.

- 7 Consideration of the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No.4) on the Water (Special Measures) Bill**
 - 7.1 Members considered the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Water (Special Measures) Bill.