

Agenda – Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 2 Senedd and video

Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 6 March 2025

Meeting time: 09.30

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Hybrid

Private pre-meeting (09.15–09.30)

Public meeting (09.30–13.35)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

(09.30)

2 Stage 1 scrutiny of the Disused Mine and Quarry Tips (Wales) Bill – Evidence session with the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs

(09.30–11.00)

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

Chris Jones, Deputy Director, Mining Legacy and Reservoir Safety – Welsh Government

Madeline Rees, Lawyer – Welsh Government

Attached Documents:

Research brief – Disused Mine and Quarry Tips (Wales) Bill



Break (11.00–11.15)

3 Storm response inquiry – evidence session with utilities companies

(11.15–12.10)

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Steven Joseph, Operations Director for South Wales – National Grid Electricity Distribution

Liam O’Sullivan, Director – SP Energy Networks (Manweb)

Ian Christie, Managing Director for Water, Asset Planning & Capital Delivery – Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water

Attached Documents:

Research brief – Storm response inquiry

Paper – National Grid Electricity Distribution

Paper – ScottishPower Energy Networks

Paper – Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water

Lunch break (12.10–12.40)

4 Storm response inquiry – evidence session with local authorities

(12.40–13.35)

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Kevin Kinsey, Lead engineer – Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council

Ainsley Williams, Director of Place and Infrastructure – Carmarthenshire County Council

Paul Ridley, Civil Contingencies Manager – Carmarthenshire County Council

Jackie Charlton, Councillor – Powys County Council

Matt Perry, Chief Officer for Place – Powys County Council

Attached Documents:

Paper – Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council

Paper – Carmarthenshire County Council

Paper – Powys County Council

5 Papers to note (13.35)

5.1 Storm response

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Attached Documents:

Response from Heledd Fychan MS to the Chair in relation to flooding in Wales

Letter from Transport for Wales to the Chair in relation to the Committee's storm response inquiry

5.2 Disused Mine and Quarry Tips (Wales) Bill

(Pages 90 – 105)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs in relation to the Stage 1 scrutiny of The Disused Mine and Quarry Tip (Wales) Bill

Response from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs in relation to the Stage 1 scrutiny of The Disused Mine and Quarry Tip (Wales) Bill

Letter from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs in relation to the Disused Mine and Quarry Tips (Wales) Bill

5.3 Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee in relation to the Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement: Transport Inter-Ministerial Standing Committee

5.4 Ministerial scrutiny sessions

(Pages 107 – 117)

Attached Documents:

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

5.5 Annual scrutiny of the National Infrastructure Commission for Wales (NICW)

(Pages 118 – 120)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair of the National Infrastructure Commission Wales to the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning in relation to the review of the National Infrastructure Commission for Wales

5.6 Inter-ministerial Group on UK–EU Relations

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Attached Documents:

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

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

(13.35)

Private meeting (13.35–14.30)

7 Consideration of evidence received under items 3 and 4

8 Consideration of key issues arising from Stage 1 scrutiny of the Disused Mine and Quarry Tips (Wales) Bill

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Attached Documents:

Paper: The Disused Mine and Quarry Tip (Wales) Bill – Key issues for consideration

9 Forward work programme

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Attached Documents:

Paper – Forward work programme

10 Consideration of draft report on Transport for Wales

(Pages 154 – 174)

Attached Documents:

Draft report on Transport for Wales' performance 2024–25