

Agenda – Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 3 Senedd and video

Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 11 June 2025

Meeting time: 09.30

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Hybrid

Private pre-meeting (09.15–09.30)

Public meeting (09.30–10.30)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

(09.30)

2 Chair of Natural Resources Wales – pre-appointment hearing

(09.30–10.30)

(Pages 1 – 33)

Nilesh Sachdev – Welsh Government’s preferred candidate for Chair of Natural Resources Wales

Attached Documents:

Research brief – Natural Resources Wales Chair pre-appointment hearing

Paper – Welsh Government (Recruitment of Chair to the Board of Natural Resources Wales)

Paper – Information pack for applicants

Paper – Preferred candidate (Personal statement)

Paper – Preferred candidate (CV)

Paper – Preferred candidate (Pre-appointment questionnaire)



3 Papers to note (10.30)

3.1 Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement

(Pages 34 – 35)

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

Letter from the Deputy First Minister & Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change & Rural Affairs to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee in relation to the Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement: Intergovernmental Relations Annual Report

3.2 Environment (Principles, Governance and Biodiversity Targets) (Wales) Bill

(Pages 36 – 49)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs to the Chair in relation to the Statement of Policy Intent for the Environment (Principles, Governance and Biodiversity Targets) (Wales) Bill

3.3 Scrutiny of Transport for Wales

(Pages 50 – 60)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales to the Chair in relation to the Committee's report on Transport for Wales' performance 2024–25

Response from the Chief Executive of Transport for Wales to the Chair in relation to the Committee's report on Transport for Wales' performance 2024–25

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

(Pages 61 – 68)

Attached Documents:

Response from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy & Planning to the Chair in relation to the Committee's report: Annual scrutiny: National Infrastructure Commission for Wales 2024

3.5 The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (Amendment) Regulations 2025

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Deputy First Minister & Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change & Rural Affairs to the Chair in relation to the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (Amendment) Regulations 2025

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

(10.30)

Break (10.30–10.40)

Private meeting (10.40–12.00)

5 Stage 1 scrutiny of the Environment (Principles, Governance and Biodiversity Targets) (Wales) Bill – Technical briefing

(10.40–11.25)

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Naomi Matthiessen, Bill Senior Responsible Owner and Policy lead for Governance and Principles,

Deputy Director, Landscapes, Nature and Forestry Division – Welsh Government

Matt Edwards, Legislative Policy Lead – Welsh Government

Eifiona Williams, Head of Programmes, Biodiversity – Welsh Government

Karen Stothard, Head of International Biodiversity – Welsh Government
Joel Scoberg, Lawyer – Legal Services – Welsh Government

[Environment \(Principles, Governance and Biodiversity Targets\) \(Wales\) Bill, as introduced](#) (PDF 413KB)

[Explanatory Memorandum](#) (PDF 2.2MB)

[Statement of policy intent](#) (PDF 350KB)

Attached Documents:

Environment (Principles, Governance and Biodiversity Targets) (Wales) Bill, as introduced

Explanatory Memorandum (incorporating the Regulatory Impact Assessment)

6 Consideration of evidence received under item 2

7 Consideration of draft report on the UK–EU implementation review of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement

(Pages 425 – 434)

Attached Documents:

Draft report on the UK–EU implementation review of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement