

Agenda – Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 4 Tŷ Hywel
and video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 5 March 2026

Meeting time: 09.30

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Hybrid

Private pre-meeting (09.15–09.30)

Public meeting (09.30–12.15)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

(09.30)

2 General scrutiny of the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning

(09.30–11.00)

(Pages 1 – 41)

Rebecca Evans MS, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning

Neil Hemington, Chief Planner – Welsh Government

Edward Sherriff, Deputy Director Energy – Welsh Government

Attached Documents:

Research brief – General scrutiny of the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning

Paper – Welsh Government



Break (11.00–11.15)

3 Evidence session with Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water

(11.15–12.15)

(Pages 42 – 56)

Roch Cheroux, Chief Executive Officer, Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water

Attached Documents:

Research brief – Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water

Paper – Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water

4 Papers to note (12.15)

4.1 Scrutiny of Natural Resources Wales

(Pages 57 – 75)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Chair of Natural Resources Wales in relation to the annual scrutiny of Natural Resources Wales

Response from the Chair of Natural Resources Wales to the Chair in relation to the annual scrutiny of Natural Resources Wales

4.2 Restoration of opencast mining sites

(Pages 76 – 80)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning in relation to the Ffos-y-Fran revised restoration scheme

Response from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning to the Chair in relation to the Ffos-y-Fran revised restoration scheme

4.3 Legislative Consent: Railways Bill

(Pages 81 – 84)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

to the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales in relation to the Legislative Consent Memoranda on the Railways Bill

4.4 The Deposit Return Scheme

(Pages 85 – 99)

Attached Documents:

Response from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee in relation to Deposit Return Scheme – Application for Deposit Management Organisation

Briefing on the Deposit Return Scheme from Mick Antoniw MS on behalf of the Cross-Party Group on Littering, Fly-tipping and Waste Reduction

4.5 Annual scrutiny of the National Infrastructure Commission for Wales

(Pages 100 – 104)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Chair of the National Infrastructure Commission for Wales in relation to the annual scrutiny of the National Infrastructure Commission for Wales

4.6 The Windsor Framework (Retail Movement Scheme: Plant Health) (Amendment) Regulations 2026

(Pages 105 – 106)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs to the Chair in relation to the Windsor Framework (Retail Movement Scheme: Plant Health) (Amendment) Regulations 2026

4.7 Challenges and opportunities for Welsh public services

(Pages 107 – 123)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Auditor General for Wales to the Chairs of the Finance Committee and the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee in relation to challenges and opportunities for Welsh public services

4.8 Legislative Consent: Cyber Security and Resilience (Network and Information Systems) Bill

(Pages 124 – 128)

Attached Documents:

Submission from the Association of British Insurers to the House of Commons Bill Committee on the Cyber Security and Resilience (Network and Information Systems) Bill

4.9 General scrutiny of the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs

(Pages 129 – 136)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Deputy First Minister & Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs following the 11 February general scrutiny session

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

(12.15)

Private meeting (12.15–13.00)

6 Consideration of evidence received under items 2 and 3

7 Consideration of key issues: Legacy report

(Pages 137 – 168)

Attached Documents:

Paper – Committee Legacy