

Concise Minutes – Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 4 Tŷ Hywel
and video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 5 March 2026

Meeting time: 09.28 – 12.49

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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
Witnesses:	Rebecca Evans MS, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning Neil Hemington, Welsh Government Edward Sherriff, Welsh Government Roch Cheroux, Dŵr Cymru – Welsh Water
Committee Staff:	Manon George (Clerk) Lukas Evans Santos (Clerk) Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk) Katie Wyatt (Legal Adviser)



	Francesca Howorth (Researcher) Lorna Scurlock (Researcher)
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

1.2 Apologies were received from Joyce Watson MS.

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

2.1 The Committee received evidence from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning and officials.

3 Evidence session with Dwr Cymru Welsh Water

3.1 The Committee received evidence from Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water.

4 Papers to note

4.1 The papers were noted.

- 4.1 Scrutiny of Natural Resources Wales**
- 4.2 Restoration of opencast mining sites**
- 4.3 Legislative Consent: Railways Bill**
- 4.4 The Deposit Return Scheme**
- 4.5 Annual scrutiny of the National Infrastructure Commission for Wales**
- 4.6 The Windsor Framework (Retail Movement Scheme: Plant Health) (Amendment) Regulations 2026**
- 4.7 Challenges and opportunities for Welsh public services**
- 4.8 Legislative Consent: 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**
- 5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting**
 - 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 key issues: Legacy report**
 - 7.1 The Committee considered the key issues paper and agreed conclusions and recommendations.