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Environment and Sustainability Committee

Meeting Venue: Committee Room 3 - Senedd	Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru
Meeting date: 17 July 2013	National Assembly for Wales
Meeting time: 09:30	

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Agenda

- 1 Motion under Standing Order 17.22 to elect temporary Chair
- 2 Introductions, apologies and substitutions
- 3 Update on reforms to the Common Agricultural Policy Round-table discussion (09.30 11.00) (Pages 1 9)

Ed Bailey, NFU Cymru Keri Davies, Wales Organic Centre Sue Evans, CLA Nick Fenwick, Farmers Union of Wales Brian Paswon, Natural Resources Wales Arfon Williams, Wales Environment Link

Break (11.00 - 11.10)

4 Update on reforms to the Common Fisheries Policy - Round-table discussion (11.10 - 12.40) (Pages 10 - 18)

Gareth Cunningham, Wales Environment Link Dr Euan Dunn, RSPB Cymru Clare Eno, Natural Resources Wales Jeremy Percy, New Under Ten Fishermen's Association Joanne Sherwood, Natural Resources Wales

5 Papers to note

5a. Water policy in Wales – Letter from the Minister for Natural Resources and Food (Page 19) E&S(4)-20-13 paper 1

6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for items 7, 8, 9 and 10

Private session (12.40 - 13.00)

- 7 Water policy in Wales Draft report (Pages 20 38)
- **8 Local Development Plans and Population/Household numbers – Draft report** (Pages 39 41)
- 9 Forward Work Programme (Pages 42 45)

10 Inquiry into sustainable land management – Consideration of terms of reference (Pages 46 – 49)

Agenda Item 5a

Alun Davies AC / AM Y Gweinidog Cyfoeth Naturiol a Bwyd Minister for Natural Resources and Food



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INQUIRY INTO WATER POLICY IN WALES

Thank you for inviting me to give evidence to the Environment and Sustainability Committee on the 1 May to help inform your short inquiry in to Water Policy in Wales. I agreed to provide you with an update on the Water Strategy for Wales.

We are currently in discussions with a range of organisations and groups on the development of the Water Strategy which will set out the proposed policy direction for water in Wales and expand on the Strategic Policy Position Statement of February 2011. Our current intention is to publish the draft strategy for consultation in November 2013.

As you are aware, there are currently a number of changes underway in the water sector, including the establishment of Natural Resources Wales, a move to an outcome based approach for price setting and the UK Government Water Bill which was introduced in June 2013. The Water Strategy will be timely to provide direction to the water sector in Wales on the expectations of the Welsh Government and also to ensure that the needs of our citizens, environment and economy are suitably supported by our natural resources.

Alun Davies AC / AM

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