

Environment and Sustainability Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 3 – Senedd**

Meeting date: **Wednesday, 4 December 2013**

Meeting time: **09:30 – 12:25**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Mick Antoniw
Russell George
Vaughan Gething
Llyr Gruffydd
Julie James
Julie Morgan
William Powell
Antoinette Sandbach
Joyce Watson

Witnesses:

Alun Davies, Minister for Natural Resources and Food
Rhodri Asby, Welsh Government
Andy Fraser, Welsh Government
Julia Hill, Welsh Government
Nia James, Welsh Government
Fiona Leadbitter, Welsh Government
Jasper Roberts, Welsh Government

Committee Staff:

Alun Davidson (Clerk)
Naomi Stocks (Second Clerk)
Catherine Hunt (Deputy Clerk)
Lisa Salkeld (Legal Advisor)

Gwyn Griffiths (Legal Advisor)

Nia Seaton (Researcher)

Chloe Corbyn (Researcher)

1 Motion under Standing Order 17.22 to elect temporary Chair

1.1 William Powell was elected temporary Chair in the absence of Dafydd Elis-Thomas.

2 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

2.1 Apologies were received from Dafydd Elis-Thomas. There were no substitutions.

3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for items 4 – 7

3.1 The Committee agreed the Motion.

4 Environment Bill – White Paper: Factual Briefing from Welsh Government officials

4.1 Andy Fraser gave a presentation on the proposals in the White Paper.

4.2 The officials responded to questions from members of the Committee.

5 Inquiry into waste and resources – consideration of consultation responses

5.1 Due to the limited number of responses received, the Committee agreed not to conduct an inquiry into waste and resources, but to pursue the subject at a future scrutiny session with the Minister for Natural Resources and Food.

6 Legislative Consent Memorandum – The Water Bill : Consideration of draft report

6.1 The Committee agreed the report.

7 Forward work programme – Spring 2014

7.1 The Committee discussed and agreed the work programme.

8 Control of Horses (Wales) Bill – Discussion with the Minister for Natural Resources and Food

8.1 The Minister responded to questions from the Committee on the draft guidance to the Control of Horses (Wales) Bill.

8.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Minister once Members had been able to consider the draft guidance in further detail.

9 Papers to note

9.1 The Committee noted the minutes.

Control of Horses (Wales) Bill : Additional information from the Minister for Natural Resources and Food

9.2 The Committee noted the letter.

Letter from the Presiding Officer – Committee Remit and Responsibilities

9.3 The Committee noted the letter.