

Environment and Sustainability Committee

Meeting Venue:
Committee Room 2 – Senedd

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 20 May 2015

Meeting time:
09.30

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Agenda

1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

2 Deputy Minister for Farming and Food: Agriculture scrutiny (9:30 – 11:00) (Pages 1 – 19)

Rebecca Evans AM, Deputy Minister for Farming and Food
Andrew Slade, Director, Agriculture, Food & Marine
Christianne Glossop, Chief Veterinary Officer

3 Papers to note

Environment (Wales) Bill: Correspondence from Natural Resources Wales (Pages 20 – 21)

E&S(4)–14–15 Paper 1

Inquiry into energy: Correspondence from the Commissioner for Sustainable Futures (Page 22)

E&S(4)–14–15 Paper 2

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

5 Energiewende inquiry: Discussion on appointment of expert adviser (11:00 – 11:10) (Pages 23 – 26)

E&S(4)–14–15 Paper 3

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14 May 2015

Dear Alun,

Environment Bill and Natural Resource Management trials


As you know, Welsh Government has introduced the Environment Bill. This marks an important milestone for us in NRW. The new Bill gives us the legislative framework within which to deliver Natural Resource Management (NRM) and gives us specific new roles to produce a State of Natural Resources Report every five years, and produce Area Statements outlining issues and opportunities for use and enhancement of natural resources at a local level.

We have been developing our understanding of what NRM might mean in practice, with our three trials in the Rhondda, Dyfi and Tawe catchments. These are providing us with the opportunity to test how NRM and the provisions in the Environment Bill may work in a practical way. We've been working with local communities to look in detail at the issues, opportunities and benefits that may exist for natural resources - and how they can be improved for the benefit of people and the environment.

I would welcome the opportunity to share our learning by inviting the Committee to visit the trial areas, as you prepare for scrutiny of the Bill. The Minister for Natural Resources recently visited the Tawe trial and I am sure that seeing this work will help the Committee to better understand the practical difference NRM can make for the environment, people and economy of Wales.

Please contact me if you would like to discuss in more detail, in the meantime Rhys Griffith is happy to work with your clerking team to set about organising the visit.

Yours sincerely,



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Comisiynydd Dyfodol Cynaliadwy

Commissioner for Sustainable Futures

8 May 2015

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Chair, Environment and Sustainability Committee
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Dear Alun Fred

I am delighted that the Committee will be undertaking an inquiry into the implications of the Energiewende programme for Wales.

I am sure the Committee will have gained a great insight from your visit. As I have mentioned previously I have good links with Gunther Bachman who leads the German Council for Sustainable Development and has been significantly involved in the programme.

It may also be useful for the Committee to be reminded of the consistent messages from the Climate Change Commission and also from my annual commentary in respect of issues around energy transition. I attach the summary of the energy conversation arising from the Wales We Want.

I would also recommend Merlin Hyman, Director of Regen South West which in my view is one of the most effective low carbon energy transition agencies operating in the UK.

Finally, I also wanted to mention that I recently hosted a meeting of international colleagues with similar roles. This included representation from the Finnish Parliament's Committee for the Future, who were keen to extend an invitation to Committee members to visit Finland.

With best wishes

Peter Davies



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