

Concise Minutes – Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 18 January
2017

Meeting time: 09.30 – 11.57

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Mark Reckless AM (Chair) Jayne Bryant AM Siân Gwenllian AM Huw Irranca-Davies AM David Melding AM Jenny Rathbone AM Simon Thomas AM
Witnesses:	Peter Oates, Wales Air Quality Forum Isobel Moore, Natural Resources Wales Claire Whitfield, Joint Nature Conservation Committee Paul Willis, Ricardo Energy Huw Brunt, Public Health Wales Joseph Carter, Wales Neurological Alliance
Committee Staff:	Alun Davidson (Clerk) Louise Andrewartha (Deputy Clerk)



	Chloe Corbyn (Researcher)
	Katie Wyatt (Legal Adviser)

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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 No apologies or declarations of interest were received.

2 Air quality in Wales

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Chair of Wales Air Quality Forum, Natural Resources Wales, Ricardo Energy and Environment and the Joint Nature Conservation Committee about the issues affecting air quality in Wales.

2.2 Mr Peter Oates circulated a hard copy of the All Wales Pollution Expert Panel's response to the Welsh Government's consultation on air quality management.

2.3 Mr Oates provided the Committee with a copy of the Health Impact Assessment for the Critical Care hospital development in Torfaen.

3 Air quality in Wales

3.1 The Committee heard evidence from the British Lung Foundation and Public Health Wales about the effects of air quality on public health in Wales.

3.2 Mr Huw Brunt, from Public Health Wales, agreed to provide the Committee with copies of the reports he referred to in evidence.

4 Paper(s) to note

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the next item

5.1 In accordance with Standing Order 17.42, the Committee agreed to exclude the public from the meeting for Item 6.

6 Private debrief: discussion of evidence

6.1 The Committee discussed the evidence it had received.

6.2 The Committee agreed to:

- write to relevant Welsh Ministers, Caerphilly County Council, Aneurin Bevan Local Health Board and the Chancellor of the Exchequer to request further information in relation to the issue of air quality in Wales;
- prepare a report following consideration of the responses to the above correspondence; and
- request a plenary debate on air quality in Wales.