

Concise Minutes – Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 26 October
2017

Meeting time: 09.00 – 12.34

This meeting can be viewed

on [Senedd TV](#) at:

<http://senedd.tv/en/4326>

Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Mike Hedges AM (Chair) Huw Irranca-Davies AM Dai Lloyd AM David Melding AM Jenny Rathbone AM Simon Thomas AM
Witnesses:	Professor Roberta Sonnino, Cardiff University Gwyn Howells, Hybu Cig Cymru Andy Richardson, Food and Drink Wales Industry Board Peter Bryant, EDF Energy Annelise Cowie, EDF Energy Tom Davis, EDF Energy Chris Fayers, EDF Energy Stephen Roast, EDF Energy



Cynulliad
Cenedlaethol
Cymru

National
Assembly for
Wales

Committee Staff:	Marc Wyn Jones (Clerk) Louise Andrewartha (Deputy Clerk) Elfyn Henderson (Researcher) Katy Orford (Researcher)
------------------	---

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Jayne Bryant and Gareth Bennett.

2 Inquiry into rethinking food in Wales – oral evidence session on food procurement – Academics

Professor Roberta Sonnino responded to questions from Members.

3 Inquiry into rethinking food in Wales – oral evidence session on food procurement – Hybu Cig Cymru and Food and Drink Wales Industry Board

Gwyn Howells, Chief Executive Officer of Hybu Cig Cymru, and Andy Richardson, Chair of the Food and Drink Wales Industry Board, responded to questions from Members.

Andy Richardson agreed to send the Committee a copy of the speech he delivered at the Food & Drink Wales / Welsh Government ‘Invest in Skills: Invest in Growth’ conference.

4 Inquiry into rethinking food in Wales – oral evidence session on food procurement – Food and Drink Federation – postponed

5 Paper(s) to note

The Committee noted the papers.

- 5.1 Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs regarding recommendation 21, which relates to public procurement of food, of the Committee's report, 'The future of land management in Wales'
- 5.2 Letter from the Confor Wales Committee to the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs regarding the Committee's report, 'Branching out: a new ambition for woodland policies'
- 5.3 Letter from Confor National Manager for Wales, representing timber processing companies, to the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs regarding the Committee's report, 'Branching out: a new ambition for woodland policies'
- 5.4 Letter from Director Wales, Coed Cadw, regarding the Committee's report, 'Branching out: a new ambition for woodland policies'
- 5.5 Letter from the Chair to the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs regarding the Welsh Government's response to the Committee's report, 'Branching out: a new ambition for woodland policies'
- 5.6 Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs regarding the paper from the UK Assessment Panel of the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas on the 'Future Landscapes: Delivering for Wales' report
- 5.7 Letter from the Chair to the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs regarding the Welsh Government's response to the Committee's report, 'Turning the Tide? Report of the inquiry into the Welsh Government approach to Marine Protected Area management'
- 6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the following business:

The motion was agreed.

7 Inquiry into rethinking food in Wales – private discussion following oral evidence sessions and discussion of next steps

The Committee discussed the evidence.

8 Update on issues relating to the UK's withdrawal from the European Union

Members received an update and asked questions on several issues.

9 Update on the work of the Expert Reference Group on Climate Change

Members listened to the update.

10 Informal private briefing from EDF Energy on dredging and depositing of sediment relating to Hinkley Point C

Members asked questions about EDF Energy's proposals to remove sediment from the Bristol Channel.

The Committee agreed to write to Natural Resources Wales about several issues that had arisen during the presentation relating to this specific marine licence.