Environment and Sustainability Committee

Meeting Venue:	**Committee Room 1 – Senedd**
Meeting date:	**Wednesday, 19 October 2011**
Meeting time:	**09:30 – 11:45**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:	**Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Chair)** **Mick Antoniw** **Rebecca Evans** **Russell George** **Vaughan Gething** **Llyr Huws Gruffydd** **Julie James** **Antoinette Sandbach** **Mark Drakeford** **Eluned Parrott**
Witnesses:	**Llewelyn Rhys, RenewableUK Cymru** **Piers Guy, Nuon Renewables** **Caroline McGurgan, Eco2** **John Griffiths** **Christianne Glossop** **Matthew Quinn, Welsh Government**
Committee Staff:	**Virginia Hawkins (Clerk)** **Catherine Hunt (Deputy Clerk)** **Graham Winter (Researcher)**

1. Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 Apologies were received from David Rees and William Powell. Mark Drakeford and Eluned Powell attended as substitutes.

2. Inquiry into energy policy and planning in Wales – Evidence from RenewableUK Cymru

2.1 The witnesses responded to questions from members of the Committee on energy policy and planning in Wales.

2.2 Llewelyn Rhys agreed to consult members of the Committee in drafting a protocol for Wales on consulting with communities as part of the development plans for energy projects, including community benefits.

2.3 Piers Guy agreed to provide details of information on community benefits for the projects that Nuon Renewables has been involved with.

2.4 The Committee agreed to invite the witnesses to attend a further evidence session.

3. Draft Budget 2012–13: Scrutiny of the Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development

3.1 The Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development and his officials responded to questions from members of the Committee.

3.2 The Minister agreed to provide additional information on anaerobic digestion and a breakdown of the costs involved in the creation of a single environment body.

Transcript
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