

# Concise Minutes – Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 26 September  
2018

Meeting time: 09.30 – 11.15

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Mike Hedges AM (Chair) Gareth Bennett AM Dawn Bowden AM Jayne Bryant AM Andrew RT Davies AM Helen Mary Jones AM Dai Lloyd AM Joyce Watson AM
Witnesses:	Cathy Madge, Office of the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales Eurgain Powell, Office of the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales
Committee Staff:	Marc Wyn Jones (Clerk) Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk) Chloe Corbyn (Researcher)



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	Katy Orford (Researcher) Katie Wyatt (Legal Adviser)
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## **1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

The Chair welcomed Andrew RT Davies AM to the meeting as a new permanent member of the Committee and thanked previous Members for their contribution to its work.

The Chair also welcomed Helen Mary Jones AM who attended the meeting with agreement from the Chair under Standing Order 17.49.

## **2 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Draft Budget Scrutiny Process**

The Committee received a presentation from Eurgain Powell and Cathy Madge from the Office of the Future Generations Commissioner on Welsh Government's 2018–19 draft budget narrative and on expectations for the 2019–20 draft budget.

## **3 Paper(s) to note**

The Committee noted all papers under item 3.

- 3.1 Response from the Chief Executive of Natural Resources Wales to the Annual Report and Accounts Scrutiny 2015/16
- 3.2 Letter from the Chair of the Public Accounts Committee regarding the Natural Resources Wales Report and Accounts 2017–18
- 3.3 Updated response from the Welsh Government to the Committee report on the Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2018–19
- 3.4 Response from the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to the Committee report on Common Frameworks for the Environment after Brexit
- 3.5 Welsh Government response to the Committee report on Environmental governance arrangements and environmental principles post–Brexit
- 3.6 Welsh Government response to the Committee report on Public Procurement of Food
- 3.7 Welsh Government response to the Committee report on Common frameworks for the environment after Brexit
- 3.8 Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs: Marine Protected Area Network Management Framework for Wales 2018–2023 and Action Plan 2018–2019
- 3.9 Correspondence with the Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs on the scrutiny of carbon budgets
- 3.10 Letter to Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs on the Draft National Development Framework
- 3.11 Response from the Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs on the Draft National Development Framework
- 4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting

The Committee resolved to go into private session for the remainder of the meeting.

## **5 Discussion of the draft report on the impact of Brexit on fisheries in Wales**

The Committee discussed and agreed its report on the impact of Brexit on fisheries in Wales.

## **6 Update on the Agriculture Bill**

The Committee received an oral briefing on the UK Government's Agriculture Bill from Assembly Commission officials.

## **7 Forward work paper**

The Committee discussed and agreed its Forward Work programme for the autumn term. It also agreed to undertake future work on biodiversity and on Wales' water infrastructure.

## **8 Brexit monitoring update**

The Committee received an update from the Research Service on recent Brexit developments in the area of environmental policy.