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Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement: Transport Inter-Ministerial Standing Committee

I am writing in accordance with the inter-institutional relations agreement to notify you that I represented Welsh Government at the Transport Inter-Ministerial Group held on 5th March 2025.

This meeting was chaired by me. A joint communique will be published [here](#) in due course.

I raised the topic of Ports Resilience following the Holyhead Port closure due to Storm Darragh. The positive response to Holyhead closure was noted as an excellent example of cross-nation working. Our discussion focused on improving strategic resilience and forward planning across the four nations. I highlighted the new Taskforce on sea connectivity between Wales and Ireland that we have set up and invited representation from all governments. There was support from all ministers for improved ports resilience and for tangible and practical outcomes from the Task Force.

Second on the agenda was Motoring Tax Reform and we discussed the UK Government's consultation on the emission trading scheme. It was noted that local powers were already in place for congestion or poor air quality and that the UK Treasury were the lead for the balance between EV taxation and duty. There was agreement to maintain dialogue and cooperation on this issue with Transport IMG and that the discussion would be fed back to the relevant Ministers in UK Government.

Finally, we discussed the use of E-scooters and I raised interest in being kept informed of the results of the trials in England to help inform policy development. There was agreement to work collaboratively on potential extensions of trials and to maintain dialogue between governments as policy develops.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I will be attending the next meeting of the Transport Inter-Ministerial Group scheduled for 25th June 2025.

I am copying this letter to the Chair of the Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken', enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

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Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Drafnidiaeth a Gogledd Cymru
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