

# Environment and Sustainability Committee

## E&S(4)-02-11 : Paper 2

1. At its meeting on 6 July 2011, the Committee discussed topics for future scrutiny inquiries.
2. A paper outlining the issues that were discussed and showing a timeline of known and anticipated activities which will or could impact on the Committee's work in the next few months is attached at Annex A.
3. Members are invited to discuss how they wish to take their work programme forward.

Committee Service

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## **Annex A**

### **Environment and Sustainability Committee**

#### **Possible inquiry subjects: potential issues for consideration**

At its last meeting the Committee identified a number of possible subject areas for further work. This note suggests some issues that could be explored by the Committee for each of these areas.

#### **Common Agricultural Policy Reform**

- Legislative proposals for Reform of the CAP to be published November 2011.
- Impact of EU budget announcement on CAP funding for Wales.
- Impact of EU legislative proposals on Wales.
- What should be the negotiating priorities for Wales.

#### **Sustainable Transport**

- Possible joint working with Enterprise and Business Committee.
- Development of sustainable transport in both urban and rural areas.
- Delivery of the Welsh Government's carbon reduction targets for transport.
- Community transport.

#### **Planning**

- Progress on recommendations contained in the Sustainability Committee's Report on planning policy, including proposals to review the operation of the Local Development Plan system.
- Progress in delivering on planning's role in the economic renewal agenda.
- Potential Planning Bill for Wales.

#### **Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009: Post-legislative scrutiny**

- Scrutiny of the development of Highly Protected Marine Reserves.
- Scrutiny of progress in developing marine plans for Wales.
- Scrutiny the effectiveness of the new marine licensing process.
- Scrutiny of new fisheries powers and impact of Common Fisheries Policy Reform.

#### **Glastir**

- Progress to implement recommendations of Rees Roberts review.
- Number of applicants for the second round of applications.

- Progress on completing details of targeted element, common land element and woodland scheme.

### **Waste and recycling**

- Progress towards meeting Welsh and European waste and recycling targets.
- Current waste infrastructure in Wales.
- Development of waste material markets.

### **Built Environment**

- Impact of the devolution of Building regulations from 2012.
- Effectiveness of the Code for Sustainable Homes.
- Planning policy and guidance on sustainability in the built environment.
- Contribution of the built environment to climate change targets.

### **National Parks and Designations**

- Review of protected landscape designations in Wales.
- Current role and work of National Parks.
- Current role and work of AONBs.

## Timeline Key Announcements and Decisions Summer 2011 to Spring 2012

= National Assembly for Wales and Welsh Government

= UK Parliament and UK Government

= EU

—————> continues over more than one term

Summer 2011	Autumn 2011	Spring 2012
<p><b>July:</b> Publication of Welsh Government's Legislative Programme.</p> <p><i>Continued consideration in House of Commons of Energy Bill 2010-11.</i> →</p> <p><i>Continued consideration in House of Lords of Localism Bill 2010-11.</i> →</p> <p><i>Continued consideration in House of Commons of Public Bodies Bill 2010- 11.</i> →</p> <p><i>Continued consideration of Draft Groceries Code Adjudicator Bill by the House of Commons and Department for Business, Innovation and Skills.</i> →</p> <p><i>Energy National Policy Statements adopted</i></p> <p><u>Publication of European Commission proposals on reform of the Common Fisheries Policy.</u> →</p>	<p>Possible Welsh Government Bill/s</p> <p><b>Oct:</b> Scrutiny of Budget Minister for Sustainable Development and Environment and Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and European Programmes.</p> <p>Anticipated announcement of list of Potential Highly Protected Marine Reserves under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009. →</p> <p><u>Publication of European Commission legislative proposals on the Common Agricultural Policy.</u> →</p> <p><b>Nov:</b> Publication of the Queen's Speech and UK Government's Legislative Programme.</p> <p><b>Dec:</b> Anticipated deadline for Welsh Government review of priorities in the National Transport Plan and Regional Transport Consortia.</p> <p><u>Anticipated agreement on EU Dairy package.</u></p>	<p>Possible Welsh Government Bill/s</p> <p><b>Jan:</b> Devolution of Building Regulations to Wales.</p> <p>Beginning of Glastir for 2010 applicants.</p> <p>Full data likely to be available on second-round applications to Glastir.</p> <p><b>Apr:</b> <i>Infrastructure Planning Commission replaced by Major Infrastructure Planning Unit within the Planning Inspectorate</i></p>

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