

# Environment and Sustainability Committee Inquiry into Energy Planning and Policy

## Terms of Reference

The National Assembly for Wales' Environment and Sustainability Committee is undertaking an inquiry into energy policy and planning in Wales. The terms of reference for the review are as follows:

The Committee will consider how the current devolution arrangements for energy policy and planning affect the delivery of the Welsh Government's desired future 'energy mix' in Wales, as set out in [A Low Carbon Revolution - Energy Policy Statement](#) and the [UK Renewable Energy Roadmap](#).

- What are the implications for Wales if responsibility for consenting major onshore and offshore energy infrastructure projects remains a matter that is reserved by the UK Government?
- How does this affect achievement of the Welsh Government's aspirations for various forms of renewable and low carbon energy as set out in the Energy Policy Statement?
- How does this affect delivery of the Welsh Government's target for a 3 per cent reduction in Green House Gas emissions per annum from 2011?
- What will be the impact if consenting decisions on major infrastructure projects and associated development are not all taken in accordance with Welsh planning policy?

Alongside these questions, the Committee will also consider the two petitions about Welsh Government planning guidance as it relates to onshore wind energy and the impact on local communities and infrastructure.