

## Agenda Supplement – Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

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Meeting Venue:	For further information contact:
Hybrid – Committee Room 4, Tŷ Hywel and videoconference via Zoom	P Gareth Williams Committee Clerk
Meeting date: 20 October 2025	0300 200 6565
Meeting time: 11.00	<a href="mailto:SeneddLJC@senedd.wales">SeneddLJC@senedd.wales</a>

### Hybrid – Supplementary Pack

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Please note the documents below are in addition to those published in the main Agenda and Reports pack for this Meeting

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#### 7 Inter–Institutional Relations Agreement

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##### 7.2 Correspondence from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: The Organic Production (Amendment) Regulations 2025

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Attached Documents:

LJC(6)–29–25 – Paper 20 – Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs, 17 October 2025

##### 7.3 Correspondence from the Welsh Government: Meetings of inter–ministerial groups

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LJC(6)–29–25 – Paper 21 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales: Transport Inter–Ministerial Standing Committee, 17 October 2025

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**8.5 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning: The Welsh Government's Legislative Consent Memoranda on the Planning and Infrastructure Bill**

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Attached Documents:

LJC(6)-29-25 – Paper 22 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning, 17 October 2025

Huw Irranca-Davies AS/MS  
Y Dirprwy Brif Weinidog ac Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros  
Newid Hinsawdd a Materion Gwledig  
Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate  
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Ein cyf/Our ref: MA/HIDCC/1629/25

Mike Hedges MS  
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17 October 2025

Dear Mike,

I am writing to inform you of my intention to provide consent to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to make regulations on behalf of Wales in an area of devolved competence, in line with the powers granted to her to do so in Article 38a(3) of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007.

The Organic Production (Amendment) Regulations 2025 are required to introduce new expiry dates for three organic derogations. These derogations currently apply for the use of non-organic pullets (young chickens) in organic egg production, for the use of non-organic gellan gum in organic production and for the inclusion of up to 5% non-organic protein feed for pigs and poultry. The proposed SI will extend these derogations until 31 December 2026.

Extending the derogations until 31 December 2026 will provide certainty and stability given the current economic picture, reduce potential financial impact for producers and operators who may be forced to make interim structural changes (pullets), and the financial and administrative burden for businesses for repeated derogation requests (gellan gum).

These derogations will allow organic production to continue uninterrupted while the market develops.

Though Welsh Ministers have the powers to make regulations in this area, it is important to avoid unnecessary discrepancies between Wales, Scotland and England in technical

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regulations due to the interconnected nature of our agricultural markets. The proposed SI intends to extend the expiry date of regulations that are already in place, rather than creating any new policy, and as such there will be no practical change to the status quo. The SI is an extension of previous regulations, which were made using the same powers at a Great-Britain level. The Organic Production Framework provides a governance structure through which the Welsh Government has worked with the UK Government on the development of regulations in this area.

The SI will be subject to the made affirmative procedure, and it is proposed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) that it is laid before Parliament on 22 October 2025. Welsh Government officials were consulted regularly by colleagues DEFRA throughout the development of these regulations and will continue to work closely with their counterparts to oversee the delivery of the SI.

Yours sincerely,

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**Huw Irranca-Davies AS/MS**

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17<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Dear Mike

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

I am writing in accordance with the inter-institutional relations agreement to notify you of the next meeting of the Transport Inter-Ministerial Standing Committee, which will take place on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025 (postponed from 19<sup>th</sup> September).

Fiona Hyslop MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Scottish Government, will be chairing the meeting, and it will cover the topics of Road Safety, HGV Decarbonisation and Vehicle Emissions Trading Scheme (VETS).

I will provide an update after the meeting.

I have copied this letter to the Chair of Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee.

Yours sincerely



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# Agenda Item 8.5

Rebecca Evans MS  
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17 October 2025

Dear Llyr and Mike,

Thank you for the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee (CCEI) and the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee (LJCC) reports on the Legislative Consent Memorandums for the Planning and Infrastructure Bill. Both committees remain concerned about the process for NSIPs in Wales. The CCEI is concerned that the Welsh SIPs are not aligned with NSIP Bill provisions, and the LJCC is concerned about the practical effects on Welsh public bodies and the public. I wrote to you on 11 August and 5 September regarding the NSIP Bill provisions.

To confirm, both the SIP process and the NSIP Bill provisions have been designed to deliver timely decisions on large scale infrastructure projects. In order for both consenting regimes to operate efficiently, it is essential that when development proposals are submitted they can proceed to examination with the right information, informed by early engagement and consultation with stakeholders.

Whilst the SIP regime and the NSIP Bill provisions adopt different approaches to pre-application procedures, they are both underpinned by the need for applicants to undertake early, meaningful and proportionate engagement with relevant stakeholders in order to increase the likelihood of a smooth, efficient examination process. Relevant stakeholders will include Local Planning Authorities, bodies such as Natural Resources Wales, and the public. These stakeholders are currently engaged and will remain engaged with both systems.

The consultation paper on streamlining infrastructure planning, issued by the UK Government, emphasises the importance of pre-application engagement. The consultation states that the NSIP regime would function on the basis of a front-loaded approach in which development proposals are thoroughly scoped and refined prior to being submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. The consultation paper seeks views on whether guidance and other

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documents would be useful in supporting applicants and stakeholders at pre-application stage.

Meaningful and constructive early engagement and consultation with stakeholders will be critical to enable applicants to produce quality development proposals that can proceed to examination. I note that the UK Government consultation is open until 27 October 2025. It provides an opportunity for interested parties to submit views on the pre-application proposals.

It is in this context that I am content to support this provision.

Yours sincerely,

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**Rebecca Evans AS/MS**

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