

Concise Minutes – Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 20 January 2022

Meeting time: 09.15 – 15.00

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Llyr Gruffydd MS (Chair) Janet Finch-Saunders MS Huw Irranca-Davies MS Delyth Jewell MS Jenny Rathbone MS Carolyn Thomas MS (In place of Joyce Watson MS)
Witnesses:	Julie James MS, Minister for Climate Change Lee Waters MS, Deputy Minister for Climate Change Gian Marco Currado, Welsh Government Dean Medcraft, Welsh Government John Howells, Welsh Government Steve Vincent, Welsh Government Sir David Henshaw, Natural Resources Wales Clare Pillman, Natural Resources Wales



	Ceri Davies, Natural Resources Wales
Committee Staff:	Marc Wyn Jones (Clerk) Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk) Andrea Storer (Deputy Clerk)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

1.2 The Chair stated that if for any reason he dropped out of the meeting, the Committee agreed that Delyth Jewell MS would become Temporary Chair in accordance with Standing Order 17.22.

1.3 Apologies were received from Joyce Watson MS and Carolyn Thomas MS substituted.

1.4 In accordance with Standing Order 17.24A, Jenny Rathbone MS, and Carolyn Thomas MS made declarations of relevant interests.

2 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2022–23 – session 1

2.1 The Committee scrutinised the Minister and Deputy Minister for Climate Change on the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2022–23.

3 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2022–23 – session 2

3.1 The Committee continued with its scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2022–23.

4 Annual scrutiny of Natural Resources Wales

4.1 The Committee heard evidence from Sir David Henshaw, Clare Pillman and Ceri Davies from Natural Resources Wales.

5 Papers to note

5.1 The papers were noted.

- 5.1 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2022–23
- 5.2 Future funding of Natural Resources Wales
- 5.3 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2022–23 and annual scrutiny of Natural Resources Wales
- 5.4 Single use plastic items
- 5.5 Marine environment management
- 5.6 Sewage discharges
- 5.7 Common Frameworks – Radioactive Substances
- 5.8 Inter–Institutional Relations Agreement between Senedd Cymru and the Welsh Government
- 5.9 Inter–Ministerial Group for Environment, Food, and Rural Affairs
- 5.10 Inter–Ministerial Group on Net Zero, Energy and Climate Change
- 5.11 Future Wales: The National Plan 2040
- 5.12 Pesticides (Revocation) (EU Exit) Regulations 2022
- 5.13 Approved Country Lists (Animals and Animal Products) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2021
- 5.14 Official Controls (Extension of Transitional Periods) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2021
- 5.15 The Morlais project
- 5.16 The use of the term BAME (Black, Asian and minority ethnic)
- 5.17 Timetable for Senedd Committee Business

6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of today's meeting

6.1 The motion was agreed.

7 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2022–23 – consideration of evidence heard under items 2 and 3

7.1 Members considered the evidence heard under items 2 and 3.

8 Annual scrutiny of Natural Resources Wales – consideration of evidence heard under item 4

8.1 Members considered the evidence heard under item 4.

9 Consideration of the Committee's forward work programme

9.1 The Committee discussed and agreed its Forward Work Programme.

10 Consideration of the letter from the Llywydd regarding the timetable for Senedd Committee Business

10.1 The Committee discussed the letter from the Llywydd regarding the timetable for Senedd Committee Business.