Agenda – Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 4 Tŷ Hywel

and video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 18 September 2024

Meeting time: 09.30

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Hybrid

Private pre-meeting (09.15-09.30)

Public meeting (09.30-12.00)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

(09.30)

2 Halting and reversing the loss of nature by 2030 – evidence session with academics

(09.30-10.40) (Pages 1 – 38)

Dr Richard Unsworth, Associate Professor, Biosciences – Swansea University

Professor Steve Ormerod, Professor in Ecology – Cardiff University

Dr Victoria Jenkins, Associate Professor, Hillary Rodham Clinton School of Law – Swansea University

Attached Documents:

Research brief – Biodiversity inquiry: halting and reversing the loss of nature by 2030

Paper – Dr Richard Unsworth

Paper – Professor Steve Ormerod

Paper – Dr Victoria Jenkins

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Break (10.40-10.50)

3 Halting and reversing the loss of nature by 2030 - evidence session with environmental organisations

(10.50-12.00) (Pages 39 - 55)

Annie Smith, Head of Policy and Advocacy - RSPB Cymru

Alex Phillips, Policy & Advocacy Manager - WWF Cymru

Chloe Wenman, Policy and Advocacy Manager - Marine Conservation Society

Attached Documents:

Paper - RSPB Cymru

Paper - WWF Cymru

Paper - Marine Conservation Society

4 Papers to note (12.00)

4.1 Committee visit

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chairs of the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee, the Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee and the Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee to the Llywydd and Chair Business Committee in relation to a Cross committee exchange visit to Oireachtas

4.2 National Seagrass Action Plan proposal for Wales

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Attached Documents:

Letter from Joel James MS to the Chair in relation to the National Seagrass Action Plan proposal for Wales

4.3 The Windsor Framework (Retail Movement Scheme: Plant and Animal Health) Regulations 2024

(Pages 60 - 61)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs to the Chair in relation to the Windsor Framework (Retail Movement Scheme: Plant and Animal Health) Regulations 2024

4.4 Retained EU Law (REUL)

(Pages 62 – 64)

Attached Documents:

Response from the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs to the Chair in relation to the National Emission Ceilings Regulations 2018 (NECR)

4.5 Establishment and remits of committees

(Pages 65 – 66)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair of the Business Committee to the Chair in relation to Committee Remits following the recent reconfiguration of the Welsh Government Cabinet

4.6 Inquiry on waste

(Pages 67 – 69)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change to the Chair in relation to progress towards development of interim recycling targets

Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change & Rural Affairs to the Chair in relation to the Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging and Packaging Waste) Regulations 2024

4.7 Progress towards Wales' climate change commitments

(Pages 70 – 74)

Attached Documents:

Response from the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change to the Chair in relation to progress towards Wales' climate change commitments

4.8 British-Irish Council Summit

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution & Cabinet Office to the Chair in relation to the Welsh Government's attendance at the British-Irish Council Summit

4.9 Legislative Consent: The UK Water (Special Measures) Bill

(Pages 76 - 77)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs to the Chair in relation to the UK Water (Special Measures) Bill

4.10 Welsh Government's proposals for a Sustainable Farming Scheme (SFS)

(Pages 78 - 93)

Attached Documents:

Response from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs to the Chair in relation to the Committee's report: Report on proposals for a Sustainable Farming Scheme

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting

(12.00)

Private meeting (12.00-12.30)

6 Consideration of evidence received under items 2 and 3

7 Consideration of draft letter to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs in relation to the Committee's inquiry on waste

(Pages 94 - 101)

Attached Documents:

Draft letter to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs in relation to the Committee's inquiry on waste

8 Consideration of the Committee's forward work programme - Autumn 2024

(Pages 102 - 106)

Attached Documents:

Forward work programme

9 Consideration of draft report on Interim Environmental Governance Measures in Wales

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Attached Documents:

Draft report on Interim Environmental Governance Measures in Wales