

# Concise Minutes – Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Committee room 4 Tŷ Hywel  
and video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 3 October 2024

Meeting time: 09.30 – 13.00

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### Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Llyr Gruffydd MS (Chair) Janet Finch-Saunders MS Delyth Jewell MS Julie Morgan MS Carolyn Thomas MS Joyce Watson MS
Witnesses:	Rhys Owen, Landscapes Wales Rebecca Sharp, Neath Port Talbot County Council Gwyn Teague, Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council Steve Wilson, Dŵr Cymru – Welsh Water Ceri Davies, Natural Resources Wales Ruth Jenkins, Natural Resources Wales Nadia De Longhi, Natural Resources Wales Sian Williams, Natural Resources Wales



	Huwel Manley, Natural Resources Wales
Committee Staff:	<p>Marc Wyn Jones (Clerk)</p> <p>Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk)</p> <p>Lukas Evans Santos (Deputy Clerk)</p> <p>Katy Orford (Researcher)</p>

## **1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest**

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

1.2 In accordance with Standing Order 17.24A, Carolyn Thomas MS made a declaration of relevant interest.

## **2 Halting and reversing the loss of nature by 2030 – evidence session with public authorities**

2.1 The Committee received evidence from public authorities.

## **3 Halting and reversing the loss of nature by 2030 – evidence session with Natural Resources Wales**

3.1 The Committee received evidence from Natural Resources Wales.

## **4 Scrutiny of Natural Resources Wales on topical issues**

4.1 The Committee received evidence from Natural Resources Wales.

## **5 Papers to note**

5.1 The papers were noted.

- 5.1 The UK/European Forest Institute: Host Country Agreement**
- 5.2 Scrutiny of Natural Resources Wales**
- 5.3 Welsh Government's proposals for a Sustainable Farming Scheme (SFS)**
- 5.4 The Windsor Framework (Retail Movement Scheme: Plant and Animal Health) Regulations 2024**
- 5.5 P-06-1395 Halt significant new development on the Gwent Levels SSSIs**
- 5.6 Inter-Ministerial Group for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs**
- 5.7 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024-25**
- 5.8 Restoration of opencast mining sites**
- 5.9 Legislative Consent: Water (Special Measures) Bill**
- 5.10 General scrutiny of the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs**
- 5.11 Infrastructure (Wales) Act 2024**
- 6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting**
  - 6.1 The motion was agreed.
- 7 Consideration of evidence received under items 2 and 3**
  - 7.1 Members considered the evidence heard under items 2 and 3.
- 8 Consideration of evidence received under item 4**
  - 8.1 Members considered the evidence heard under item 4.

## **9 Consideration of draft letter to the Cabinet Secretary for the Economy, Transport and North Wales in relation to transport**

9.1 The Committee considered and agreed its draft letter.

## **10 Consideration of the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Passenger Railway Services (Public Ownership) Bill**

10.1 The Committee received a legal briefing on the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Passenger Railway Services (Public Ownership) Bill.

## **11 Consideration of the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Great British Energy Bill**

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