

Agenda – Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 4 Tŷ Hywel and video

Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 27 March 2025

Meeting time: 09.30

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Hybrid

Private pre-meeting (09.15–09.30)

Public meeting (09.30–11.45)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

(09.30)

2 General scrutiny of the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs

(09.30–10.35)

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Huw Irranca-Davies MS, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs

Claire Bennett, Director, Climate Change & Environmental Sustainability – Welsh Government

Gian Marco Currado, Director, Rural Affairs – Welsh Government

Attached Documents:

Research brief – General scrutiny of the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs

Paper – Welsh Government



Break (10.35–10.45)

3 Storm response inquiry – evidence session with the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs

(10.45–11.45)

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Huw Irranca–Davies MS, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs

Clare Fernandes, Deputy Director Water and Flood – Welsh Government

Claire Bennett, Director, Climate Change & Environmental Sustainability – Welsh Government

Andy Fraser, Deputy Director, National Security & Resilience – Welsh Government

Attached Documents:

Research brief – Storm response inquiry

Engagement findings – Storm response inquiry

4 Papers to note (11.45)

4.1 Meeting of the Inter–Ministerial Group for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee in relation to the Inter–Ministerial Group for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

4.2 Bus Services (Wales) Bill

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Llywydd and Chair of the Business Committee to the Chair in relation to the Bus Services (Wales) Bill

4.3 Legislative Consent: Bus Services (No. 2) Bill

(Pages 76 – 77)

Attached Documents:

Letter from Y Llywydd and Chair of the Business Committee to the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales in relation to the Legislative Consent: Bus Services (No. 2) Bill

4.4 The Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Act 2024

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Attached Documents:

Letter from Asthma and Lung UK to the Chair in relation to air quality and smoke control

4.5 Holyhead Port Storm Damage and Closure

(Pages 80 – 81)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair of the Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee to the Chief Executive of Irish Ferries in relation to the Committee's inquiry on the Holyhead Port Storm Damage and Closure

4.6 Storm response

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Attached Documents:

Follow up letter from SP Energy Networks to the Chair in relation to the Committee's storm response inquiry

4.7 Halting and reversing the loss of nature by 2030

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair of the Public Accounts and Public Administration

Committee to the Chair in relation to the Committee's inquiry on halting and reversing the loss of nature by 2030

4.8 Restoration of opencast mining sites

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs in relation to the restoration of opencast mining sites

4.9 Scrutiny of Natural Resources Wales

(Pages 87 – 90)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair of the Petitions Committee to the Acting Chief Executive Officer of Natural Resources Wales in relation to P-06-1447 Stop Natural Resources Wales closing the visitor centre at Ynyslas National Nature Reserve and P-06-1474 Stop Natural Resources Wales closing Bwlch Nant yr Arian, Coed y Brenin & Ynyslas visitor centres

Response from the Acting Chief Executive Officer of Natural Resources Wales to the Chair of the Petitions Committee in relation to P-06-1447 Stop Natural Resources Wales closing the visitor centre at Ynyslas National Nature Reserve and P-06-1474 Stop Natural Resources Wales closing Bwlch Nant yr Arian, Coed y Brenin & Ynyslas visitor centres

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting and from the meeting on 30 April

(11.45)

Private meeting (11.45-13.00)

6 Disused Mine and Quarry Tips (Wales) Bill – Consideration of the Committee's Stage 1 draft Report

(Pages 91 – 168)

Attached Documents:

Draft Stage 1 report – Disused Mine and Quarry Tips (Wales) Bill

7 Consideration of evidence received under items 2 and 3

8 Bus Services (Wales) Bill – Consideration of scope and approach to Stage 1 scrutiny

(Pages 169 – 178)

Attached Documents:

Paper – Approach to scrutiny of the Bus Services (Wales) Bill

9 Restoration of opencast mining sites

(Pages 179 – 185)

Attached Documents:

Paper – Ffos-y-Fran Opencast Site

10 Forward work programme

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Attached Documents:

Forward work programme – Summer 2025