

Agenda – Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 2 Senedd and video

Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 7 May 2025

Meeting time: 09.30

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Hybrid

Private pre-meeting (09.15–09.30)

Public meeting (09.30–11.00)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

(09.30)

2 Stage 1 scrutiny of the Bus Services (Wales) Bill – Evidence session with the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales

(09.30–11.00)

(Pages 1 – 29)

Ken Skates MS, Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales

Alex Walters, Deputy Director, Public and Integrated Transport – Welsh Government

Hannah Dudley, Lawyer – Welsh Government

Catrin Dellar, Head of Bus Reform – Welsh Government

[Bus Services \(Wales\) Bill – Bill Summary](#) (PDF 951KB)

[Bus Services \(Wales\) Bill, as introduced](#) (PDF 356KB)

[Explanatory Memorandum](#) (incorporating the Regulatory Impact Assessment) (PDF 2.3MB)



Attached Documents:

Research brief – Bus Services (Wales) Bill

3 Papers to note (11.00)

3.1 Bus Services (Wales) Bill

(Pages 30 – 35)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Business Committee in relation to the proposed timetable for scrutiny of the Bus Services (Wales) Bill

Letter from the Older People's Commissioner for Wales to the Chair in relation to the Stage 1 scrutiny of the Bus Services (Wales) Bill

Response from the Chair to the Older People's Commissioner for Wales in relation to the Stage 1 scrutiny of the Bus Services (Wales) Bill

Letter from the Chair to Transport for Greater Manchester in relation to the Committee's recent visit to Manchester

3.2 Halting and reversing the loss of nature by 2030

(Pages 36 – 38)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Permanent Secretary of the Welsh Government in relation to the Committee's inquiry on Halting and reversing the loss of nature by 2030

3.3 Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement

(Pages 39 – 44)

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

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 meeting

Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs to the Chair and the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee in relation to the Interministerial Group on Net Zero, Energy and Climate Change

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 British Irish Council (BIC) Environment Ministerial meeting

Letter from the First Minister of Wales to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee in relation to the Celtic Heritage Agreement

3.4 Scrutiny of Natural Resources Wales

(Pages 45 – 50)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to Sir David Henshaw, Chair of Natural Resources Wales in relation to the visitor centres at Ynyslas, Coed y Brenin and Nant yr Arian
Response from Sir David Henshaw, Chair of Natural Resources Wales to the Chair in relation to the visitor centres at Ynyslas, Coed y Brenin and Nant yr Arian

Letter from Jane Dodds MS to the Chair in relation to the Ynyslas Visitor Centre and the role of Visitor Centre Wardens

Response from the Chair to Jane Dodds MS in relation to the Ynyslas Visitor Centre and the role of Visitor Centre Wardens

3.5 Independent Commission for Water – Call for Evidence

(Pages 51 – 52)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Independent Commission for Water in relation to the Independent Commission for Water's call for evidence

3.6 Storm response inquiry

(Pages 53 – 65)

Attached Documents:

Letter from Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water to the Chair in relation to the Committee's storm response inquiry

Response from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs to the Chair following the 27 March scrutiny session

3.7 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26

(Pages 66 – 67)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair of the Finance Committee to all Committee Chairs in relation to Scrutiny of the Draft Budget 2025–26: Evidence provided by the Welsh Government

3.8 Restoration of opencast mining sites

(Pages 68 – 72)

Attached Documents:

Response from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning to the Chair in relation to the Committee's inquiry on the restoration of opencast mining sites

3.9 Environment (Principles, Governance and Biodiversity Targets) (Wales) Bill

(Pages 73 – 77)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs in relation to the forthcoming Environment (Principles, Governance and Biodiversity Targets) (Wales) Bill

Response from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs to the Chair in relation to the forthcoming Environment (Principles, Governance and Biodiversity Targets) (Wales) Bill

Follow up letter from the Chair to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs in relation to the forthcoming Environment (Principles, Governance and Biodiversity Targets) (Wales) Bill

3.10 Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water

(Pages 78 – 79)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chief Executive of Dŵr Cymru to the Chair in relation to changes in the executive leadership of Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water

3.11 The Advertising Standards Authority

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Advertising Standards Authority to the Chair in relation to advertising, ad regulation and the consumer protection landscape in Wales

3.12 Legislative Consent: Data (Use and Access) Bill

(Pages 81 – 82)

Attached Documents:

Response from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning to the Chair in relation to the Committee's report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Data (Use and Access) Bill

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting and from the start of the meeting on 15 May 2025

(11.00)

Private meeting (11.00–12.00)

5 Consideration of evidence received under item 2

6 Consideration of the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Planning and Infrastructure Bill

(Pages 83 – 98)

Attached Documents:

Legal note on the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Planning and Infrastructure Bill

7 Consideration of draft report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Bus Services (No. 2) Bill

(Pages 99 – 102)

Attached Documents:

Draft report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Bus Services (No. 2) Bill

8 Disused Mine and Quarry Tips (Wales) Bill – Order of consideration at Stage 2

(Pages 103 – 104)

Attached Documents:

Stage 2: Disused Mine and Quarry Tips (Wales) Bill – Order of consideration