

Agenda – Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 4 Tŷ Hywel
and video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 11 December 2025

Meeting time: 09.15

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Hybrid

Private pre-meeting (09.00–09.15)

Public meeting (09.15–15.30)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

(09.15)

2 Environment (Principles, Governance and Biodiversity Targets) (Wales) Bill – Stage 2 Proceedings

(09.15–15.30)

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

Naomi Matthiessen, Bill Senior Responsible Owner and Policy lead for Governance and Principles, Deputy Director, Landscapes, Nature and Forestry Division – Welsh Government

Alice Teague, Deputy Director, Marine and Biodiversity Division, Policy lead for Biodiversity – Welsh Government

Dorian Brunt, Lead Lawyer, Legal Services, Environment (Principles, Governance and Biodiversity Targets) (Wales) Bill Lead Lawyer – Welsh Government



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Documents relevant to Stage 2 proceedings will be available on the [Bill page](#).

The Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee agreed on [20 November 2025](#), under Standing Order 26.21, that the order of consideration for Stage 2 proceedings would be:

Sections 1–8; Schedule 1; Sections 9–10; Schedule 2; Sections 11–28; Schedule 3; Sections 29–43; Schedule 4; Sections 44–45; Long Title.

3 Papers to note (15.30)

3.1 Bus Services (Wales) Bill

(Pages 1 – 4)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales to the Chair of Finance Committee in relation to the revised Explanatory Memorandum for the Bus Services (Wales) Bill

3.2 UK Emissions Trading Scheme

(Pages 5 – 10)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change & Rural Affairs to the Chair in relation to the UK Emissions Trading Scheme (UK ETS) – 27 November 2025

Additional letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change & Rural Affairs to the Chair in relation to the UK Emissions Trading Scheme (UK ETS) Authority – 4 December 2025

3.3 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026–27

(Pages 11 – 33)

Attached Documents:

Response from the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government to

the Chair in relation to the Welsh Government draft budget 2026–27
Response from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning to
the Chair in relation to the Welsh Government draft budget 2026–27

3.4 Wales Flood and Coastal Erosion Committee's 'Flood Insurance – a Wales Perspective' consultation report

(Pages 34 – 64)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair of the Wales Flood and Coastal Erosion Committee to
the Chair in relation to the Wales Flood and Coastal Erosion Committee's
'Flood Insurance – a Wales Perspective' consultation report and resultant
proposals

3.5 Restoration of opencast mining sites

(Pages 65 – 83)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Coal Action Network to the Chair in relation to the application
to the restoration plan at the Ffos-y-fran land reclamation scheme
Letter from Friends of the Earth to the Chair in relation to the application to
the restoration plan at the Ffos-y-fran land reclamation scheme
Letter from Chris and Alyson Austin to the Chair in relation to the application
to the restoration plan at the Ffos-y-fran land reclamation scheme

3.6 Marine biodiversity

(Pages 84 – 87)

Attached Documents:

Letter from Wales Environment Link to the Chair in relation to resourcing of
marine biodiversity

3.7 Inter-Ministerial Group for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

(Page 88)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate
Change and Rural Affairs to the Chair in relation to the Inter-Ministerial
Group for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

- 4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting**
(15.30)

Private meeting (15.30–16.00)

- 5 Consideration of draft report on the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026–27**

(Pages 89 – 116)

Attached Documents:

Draft report on the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026–27