

Agenda – Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 4 Tŷ Hywel and video

Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 17 July 2025

Meeting time: 09.30

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Hybrid

Private pre-meeting (09.15–09.30)

Public meeting (09.30–13.40)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

(09.30)

2 Stage 1 scrutiny of the Environment (Principles, Governance and Biodiversity Targets) (Wales) Bill – Evidence session with environmental organisations

(09.30–10.45)

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Ruth Chambers, Senior Fellow – Green Alliance

Annie Smith, Head of Nature Policy and Casework – RSPB Cymru

Alexander Phillips, Policy & Advocacy Manager – WWF Cymru

[Environment \(Principles, Governance and Biodiversity Targets\) \(Wales\) Bill: consultation responses](#)

Attached Documents:

Research brief – Environment (Principles, Governance and Biodiversity Targets) (Wales) Bill



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Legal note – Advice to Members on the requirement to “have regard” to specified factors

Paper – Green Alliance

Paper – RSPB Cymru

Paper – WWF Cymru

Break (10.45–10.55)

3 Stage 1 scrutiny of the Environment (Principles, Governance and Biodiversity Targets) (Wales) Bill – Evidence session with public bodies

(10.55–11.55)

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Mary Lewis, Head of Natural Resource Management Policy – Natural Resources Wales

Neil Parker, Team Leader, Biodiversity Policy & Strategy – Natural Resources Wales

Beth Stoker, Director of International Evidence and Advice – Joint Nature Conservation Committee

Attached Documents:

Paper – Natural Resources Wales

Paper – Joint Nature Conservation Committee

Lunch break (11.55–12.40)

4 Stage 1 scrutiny of the Environment (Principles, Governance and Biodiversity Targets) (Wales) Bill – Evidence session with the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales

(12.40–13.40)

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Derek Walker – Future Generations Commissioner for Wales

Rhiannon Hardiman, Policy Lead Climate, Nature, Economy and Food – Future Generations Commissioner for Wales

Attached Documents:

Paper – Future Generations Commissioner for Wales

5 Papers to note (13.40)

5.1 Pre-appointment hearing: Chair of Natural Resources Wales

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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: Pre-appointment hearing: Chair of Natural Resources Wales

5.2 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

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

(Pages 105 – 111)

Attached Documents:

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

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

(13.40)

Private meeting (13.40–14.30)

7 Consideration of evidence received under items 2, 3 and 4

8 Bus Services (Wales) Bill – Consideration of the Committee's Stage 1 draft report

(Pages 112 – 198)

Attached Documents:

Draft Stage 1 report – Bus Services (Wales) Bill

9 Consideration of draft report on the UK–EU implementation review of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement

(Pages 199 – 306)

Attached Documents:

Draft report on the UK–EU implementation review of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement

10 Consideration of the Committee's forward work programme – Autumn 2025

(Pages 307 – 312)

Attached Documents:

Forward work programme – Autumn 2025