

Agenda – Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 3 Senedd and video

Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 25 February 2026

Meeting time: 09.30

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Hybrid

Private pre-meeting (09.15–09.30)

Public meeting (09.30–11.30)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

(09.30)

2 General scrutiny of the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales

(09.30–11.30)

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Ken Skates MS, Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales

Peter McDonald, Director of Transport and Digital Connectivity – Welsh Government

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

Alison Thomas, Deputy Director Transport, Strategy & Policy – Welsh Government

Attached Documents:

Research brief – General scrutiny of the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and



North Wales

Paper – Welsh Government

3 Papers to note (11.30)

3.1 The Deposit Return Scheme

(Pages 50 – 56)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs in relation to the Deposit Return Scheme – Application for Deposit Management Organisation

Briefing note from the Wine and Spirit Trade Association to the Chair in relation to the impacts of the draft regulations and a Deposit Return Scheme with glass in scope in Wales

Briefing note from British Glass and the Trade Association for UK glass manufacturing to the Chair in relation to the Welsh Deposit Return Scheme regulations

3.2 Transport Inter-Ministerial Standing Committee

(Pages 57 – 58)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee in relation to the Transport Inter-Ministerial Standing Committee

3.3 The Aarhus Convention and its importance in Wales

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Attached Documents:

Response from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs to the Interim Environmental Protection Assessor for Wales in relation to the Aarhus Convention and its importance in Wales

3.4 Interministerial Group for Net Zero, Energy and Climate Change

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Attached Documents:

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

3.5 UK Government's Auction Round 7 for the contract for difference – Energy projects

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Attached Documents:

Letter from Bute Energy to the Chair in relation to the UK Government's Auction Round 7 for the contract for difference

3.6 Holyhead Port Storm Damage and Closure

(Pages 63 – 64)

Attached Documents:

Response from the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales to the Chair of the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee in relation to Holyhead Port Storm Damage and Closure

3.7 The UK–Germany Treaty on Friendship and Bilateral Cooperation

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to the Chair in relation to the UK Germany Treaty on Friendship and Bilateral Cooperation

3.8 Petition P-06-1553 Increase investment and action in nature-based flood management to protect Welsh communities

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair of the Petitions Committee to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs in relation to

Petition P-06-1553 Increase investment and action in nature-based flood management to protect Welsh communities

- 4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting**
(11.30)

Private meeting (11.30-12.30)

- 5 Consideration of evidence received under item 2**
(Pages 69 – 80)

Attached Documents:

Paper – Committee Legacy

- 6 Consideration of the Legislative Consent Memoranda on the Railways Bill**
(Pages 81 – 97)

Attached Documents:

Legal note on the Legislative Consent Memoranda on the Railways Bill

- 7 The UK-Germany Treaty on Friendship and Bilateral Cooperation**
(Pages 98 – 100)

Attached Documents:

Research brief – International Agreements: UK-Germany Treaty on Friendship and Bilateral Cooperation