

Concise Minutes – Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 3 Senedd and video

Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Wednesday, 25 February

2026

Meeting time: 09.30 – 12.07

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Llyr Gruffydd MS (Chair) Janet Finch–Saunders MS Delyth Jewell MS Julie Morgan MS Carolyn Thomas MS Joyce Watson MS
Witnesses:	Ken Skates MS, Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales Peter McDonald, Welsh Government Alex Walters, Welsh Government Alison Thomas, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Manon George (Clerk) Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk) Lukas Evans Santos (Deputy Clerk)



	Jennifer Cottle (Legal Adviser) Andrew Minnis (Researcher) Sara Moran (Researcher)
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

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

2.1 The Committee received evidence from the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales and officials.

3 Papers to note

3.1 The papers were noted.

3.1 The Deposit Return Scheme

3.2 Transport Inter-Ministerial Standing Committee

3.3 The Aarhus Convention and its importance in Wales

3.4 Interministerial Group for Net Zero, Energy and Climate Change

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

3.6 Holyhead Port Storm Damage and Closure

3.7 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

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

4.1 The motion was agreed.

5 Consideration of evidence received under item 2

5.1 Members considered the evidence heard under item 2.

6 Consideration of the Legislative Consent Memoranda on the Railways Bill

6.1 The Committee considered the Legislative Consent Memoranda on the Railways Bill.

7 The UK–Germany Treaty on Friendship and Bilateral Cooperation

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