

# Environment and Sustainability Committee

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Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 3 – Senedd**

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Meeting date: **Wednesday, 6 May 2015**

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Meeting time: **09.00 – 11.30**

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## Concise Minutes:

### Assembly Members:

**Alun Ffred Jones AM (Chair)**  
**Mick Antoniw AM**  
**Jeff Cuthbert AM**  
**Russell George AM**  
**Llyr Gruffydd AM**  
**Julie Morgan AM**  
**William Powell AM**  
**Jenny Rathbone AM**  
**Joyce Watson AM**

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### Witnesses:

**Professor Peter Matthews, Natural Resources Wales**  
**Dr Emyr Roberts, Natural Resources Wales**

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### Committee Staff:

**Alun Davidson (Clerk)**  
**Peter Hill (Deputy Clerk)**  
**SeatonN (Researcher)**

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## TRANSCRIPT

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## **1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions**

1.1 Apologies were received from Antoinette Sandbach. There were no substitutions.

## **2 Natural Resources Wales: Annual Scrutiny**

2.1 Witnesses responded to questions from Members of the Committee.

2.2 Natural Resources Wales agreed to provide:

- a diagram outlining the relationship between different elements of the legislative framework, including water basin plans, national park plans and forest plans;
- further details on the role of NRW as a statutory adviser within the planning system, including any legal advice that the committee has received on the matter;
- a breakdown by legacy body of staff who have left through the voluntary exit scheme; and
- an explanation of the effect of the £7 million reduction in the 'good for the environment' budget in 2015-16.

## **3 Papers to note**

**Inquiry into the European Commission's proposed prohibition of driftnet fisheries:  
Additional response from the Director General for Maritime Affairs & Fisheries**

3.1 Members noted the additional response.

## **4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for items 5 and 6 and the meeting on 14 May**

4.1 The Committee agreed the Motion.

## **5 Natural Resources Wales: Annual Scrutiny: Consideration of Evidence Received**

5.1 The Committee discussed the evidence.

## **6 Inquiry into energy efficiency and fuel poverty in Wales: Consideration of Draft Letter**

6.1 Committee Members considered the draft letter.