

Concise Minutes – Environment and Sustainability Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 13 January
2016

Meeting time: 08.45 – 12.10

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Alun Ffred Jones AM (Chair) Mick Antoniw AM Jeff Cuthbert AM Russell George AM Llyr Gruffydd AM Janet Haworth AM Julie Morgan AM William Powell AM Jenny Rathbone AM Joyce Watson AM
Witnesses:	Dr Jill Cainer, Electricity Storage Network Chloe Bines, Eunomia Paul Brodrick, Siemens



	<p>Maxine Frerk, Ofgem</p> <p>Lia Murphy, Ofgem</p> <p>Carl Sargeant AM, The Minister for Natural Resources</p> <p>Edwina Hart AM, The Minister for Economy, Science and Transport</p> <p>Prys Davies, Welsh Government</p> <p>Ron Loveland, Welsh Government</p> <p>James Price, Welsh Government</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>Adam Vaughan (Deputy Clerk)</p> <p>Martha Da Gama Howells (Second Clerk)</p> <p>Alan Simpson (Expert Adviser)</p> <p>Graham Winter (Researcher)</p>

Transcript

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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

- There were no apologies.

2 Inquiry into a Smarter Energy Future for Wales

Witnesses responded to questions from Members of the Committee.

- Ofgem offered to attempt to compile figures for the total amount of renewable energy generated in Wales.
- Ministers agreed to provide the Committee with the total figure for the amount of renewable energy produced in Wales, calculated using the same definition for ‘community energy’ as that used in Scotland;

- Ministers agreed to provide the Committee with a note on the nature and source of the funding for the feasibility study for Smart City in the Swansea Region and other initiatives in RCT and Flintshire;
- The Minister for Economy, Science and Transport agreed to provide the Committee with a copy of the discussion points from the Energy Wales Strategic Delivery Group;
- The Minister for Natural Resources agreed to consider publishing a Technical Advice Note on 'One Planet' developments in more built-up areas, to complement the existing advice for rural areas.

2.1 Inquiry into A Smarter Energy Future for Wales – Storage

2.2 Inquiry into A Smarter Energy Future for Wales – Ofgem

2.3 Inquiry into A Smarter Energy Future for Wales – Ministerial evidence session

3 Papers to note

- Members of the Committee noted the paper.

3.1 Response from the Minister for Natural Resources: Funding for Community Energy Schemes in Wales