

Concise Minutes – Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 4 – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: Thursday, 20 July 2017

Meeting time: 09.16 – 12.45

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Mike Hedges AM (Chair) Jayne Bryant AM Siân Gwenllian AM Huw Irranca-Davies AM David Melding AM Jenny Rathbone AM Simon Thomas AM Lesley Griffiths AM
Witnesses:	Prys Davies, Welsh Government Neil Hemington, Welsh Government Christianne Glossop, Chief Veterinary Officer, Welsh Government Andrew Slade, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Marc Wyn Jones (Clerk) Louise Andrewartha (Deputy Clerk)



	Wendy Dodds (Researcher)
	Elfyn Henderson (Researcher)

Transcript

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1 Private pre-meeting

2 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Gareth Bennett AM.

3 General scrutiny of the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs

The Cabinet Secretary and her officials responded to questions from Members.

The Cabinet Secretary agreed to review the report of the UK assessment panel of the International Union for Conservation of Nature, cited by Simon Thomas AM, and write to the Committee with her response on its contents.

4 Paper to note

4.1 Letter from the Llywydd regarding the implementation of the Wales Act 2017

The Committee noted the letter.

4.2 Letter from Natural Resources Wales regarding Marine Protect Areas

The Committee noted the letter.

6 Discussion of response to letter from the Llywydd regarding the implementation of the Wales Act 2017

The Committee agreed to respond to the letter to inform the Llywydd that the date of the principal appointed day (PAD) should be 1 April 2018, not 6 April 2018 as stated in the letter from the Secretary of State for Wales, if the PAD is to coincide with the coming into force of the reserved powers model.

7 Inquiry into forestry and woodland policy – discussion of draft report

The Committee discussed the report and agreed to launch it on Wednesday 26 July at the Royal Welsh Show.

8 Presentation on the implications of the Repeal Bill for the Committee's Forward Work Programme

The Committee listened to the presentation and discussed the issues raised.

9 Discussion of Committee's Forward Work Programme

The Committee agreed its Forward Work Programme for the autumn term and agreed to undertake a short inquiry into community energy projects.