

Sir David Henshaw
Chair
Natural Resources Wales

17 December 2019

Dear Sir David,

Invitation to attend a meeting of the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee

I would like to invite you to attend our meeting on Wednesday 26 February 2020 for an annual scrutiny session.

The session will cover the delivery by NRW of its remit.

In advance of the session, I would be grateful if you could provide us with a bilingual briefing paper with an update on the key issues and progress since we last undertook scrutiny in February 2019.

We would particularly welcome the following information:

Remit letter

- A summary of the action taken to deliver the priorities set out in NRW's 2018-2019 remit letter.
- A summary of actions you have put in place to deliver the priorities set out in 2019-2020 remit letter.



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Commercial activity

- An update of the reorganisation of the commercial services function within NRW and the actions taken following the independent review of the key commercial business areas and associated governance arrangements.

Corporate Plan and Business Plan

- A summary of performance against the current Business Plan and Corporate Plan, including the latest corporate dashboard performance report.

Self-policing

- A summary of any enforcement or self-policing action the body has taken against itself in the last 12 months.

Organisational design programme

- Details of how the new structure is allowing NRW to fulfil its role and any pressures and/or challenges relating to the new design.
- A summary of the findings of the review of Board practices.

Grants and Funding Programmes

- An update on grants and partnership funding programmes.

Financial Position and savings

- The latest financial position of the body.
- Details of any cases made to Welsh Government for additional funding over and above your budgeted financial allocation to address pressures and new responsibilities.
- An explanation of the gap between income and expenditure (as set out in NRW's Annual Report and Accounts 2018-19) and how this will be managed.

Implementation of legislation



- An update on the cost of delivery of NRW's functions under both the *Environment (Wales) Act 2016* and the *Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015*, including any financial pressures.
- An update on progress to date in delivering NRW's functions under these Acts, specifically:
 - how NRW is implementing the 5 ways of working,
 - the development of Area Statements, and
 - the development of SoNaRR

Brexit

- An update on the implications of Brexit for NRW, and an overview of work undertaken by the body to prepare for Brexit.

I should be grateful if you would provide the briefing paper no later than Monday 3 February 2020.

Yours sincerely,



Mike Hedges AM

Chair of Climate Change, Rural Affairs and Environment Committee

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

