

Concise Minutes – Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 14 January
2021

Meeting time: 13.30 – 16.00

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Mike Hedges MS (Chair) Janet Finch-Saunders MS Llyr Gruffydd MS Neil Hamilton MS Jenny Rathbone MS Rhianon Passmore MS (In place of Joyce Watson MS)
Witnesses:	Lesley Griffiths MS, Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs Gian Marco Currado, Welsh Government John Howells, Welsh Government Dean Medcraft, Welsh Government Tim Render, Welsh Government Jackie Price, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Elizabeth Wilkinson (Clerk)



	Andrea Storer (Deputy Clerk) Chloe Corbyn (Researcher) Elfyn Henderson (Researcher) Rhiannon Lewis (Legal Adviser)
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

1.2 Apologies were received from Joyce Watson MS and Rhianon Passmore MS substituted.

1.3 In accordance with Standing Order 34.19, the Chair stated that he had determined that the public were excluded from the Committee's meeting in order to protect public health.

1.4 The Chair stated that if for any reason he dropped out of the meeting, the Committee agreed that Jenny Rathbone MS would become Temporary Chair in accordance with Standing Order 17.22.

2 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2021–22

2.1 The Committee scrutinised the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs on the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2021 – 22.

3 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2021–22

3.1 The Committee continued with its scrutiny of the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs on the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2021 – 22.

4 Paper(s) to note

4.1 The papers were noted.

- 4.1 Correspondence from the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs in relation to interim arrangements for environmental governance
- 4.2 Correspondence from the Chair to the Llywydd in relation to interim arrangements for environmental governance
- 4.3 Correspondence from the Chair to the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs in relation to the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Environment Bill
- 4.4 Correspondence between the Scottish Parliament's Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee and the Chair in relation to the Common Framework on the UK Emissions Trading Scheme
- 4.5 Correspondence from the Minister for Housing and Local Government in relation to Hazardous Substances (Planning) Common Framework
- 4.6 Letter from the Chair, Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee, House of Commons to the Minister of State for Housing in relation to Hazardous Substances (Planning) Common Framework
- 4.7 Correspondence from the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs in relation to the UK Agriculture Bill – Third Reading
- 4.8 Correspondence from the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs to the Chair Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee in relation to the UK Fisheries Bill
- 4.9 Further correspondence between the Chair and the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs in relation to Agriculture (Model Clauses for Fixed Equipment) (Wales) Regulations 2019.

4.10 Correspondence from Farmers' Union Wales in relation to the UK Government's Spending Review

4.11 Correspondence in relation to the ongoing dispute between British Gas and the GMB Union

4.12 Correspondence from Centrica (British Gas) regarding negotiations with the GMB union

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

5.1 The motion was agreed.

6 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2021–22: Consideration of evidence received under items 2 and 3

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence heard during the scrutiny sessions.

7 Legal briefing and consideration of the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum for the UK Environment Bill

7.1 Members received a legal briefing and considered the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum for the UK Environment Bill.

8 Consideration of draft letter in relation to Hazardous Substances (Planning) Common Framework

8.1 The Committee discussed and agreed its draft letter on the Hazardous Substances (Planning) Common Framework.