

Agenda – Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 4 Tŷ Hywel
and video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 26 June 2024

Meeting time: 09.30

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Hybrid

At its meeting on 13 June 2024, the Committee agreed a motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) and (ix) to exclude the public from the start of today's meeting.

Private meeting (09.15–10.00)

1 Consideration of the Committee's forward work programme – Autumn 2024

(Pages 1 – 8)

Attached Documents:

Forward work programme

2 Consideration of draft letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs in relation to Wales' progress towards emissions reduction

(Pages 9 – 13)

Attached Documents:

Draft letter



Public meeting (10.00–13.00)

3 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

(10.00)

4 General scrutiny of the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs

(10.00–11.30)

(Pages 14 – 49)

Huw Irranca–Davies MS, Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs

Gian Marco Currado, Director Rural Affairs – Welsh Government

Claire Bennett, Director Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability – Welsh Government

Attached Documents:

Research brief – General scrutiny of the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs

Paper – Welsh Government

Break (11.30–11.40)

5 General scrutiny of the Cabinet Secretary for North Wales and Transport

(11.40–13.00)

(Pages 50 – 75)

Ken Skates MS, Cabinet Secretary for North Wales and Transport

Peter McDonald, Director of Transport and Digital Connectivity – Welsh Government

Steven McGregor, Deputy Director, North Wales – Welsh Government

Attached Documents:

Research brief – General scrutiny of the Cabinet Secretary for North Wales and Transport

Paper – Welsh Government

6 Papers to note (13.00)

6.1 Decarbonisation of housing

(Pages 76 – 81)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Chair of the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee in relation to the Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS2023)

Letter from the Chair to the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs and the Cabinet Secretary for Housing, Local Government and Planning in relation to the Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS2023)

Response from the Cabinet Secretary for Housing, Local Government and Planning to the Chair in relation to the Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS2023)

6.2 Report on rail services and Transport for Wales' performance 2023–24

(Pages 82 – 106)

Attached Documents:

Interim response – Transport for Wales

Response – Transport for Wales

Response – Welsh Government

Letter from the Chair to the Auditor General for Wales and CEO of Audit Wales in relation to the scrutiny of Transport for Wales

Letter from the Chair to the Chair of the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee in relation to the scrutiny of Transport for Wales

6.3 International agreements

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to the Chair in relation to the UK/European Forest Institute: Host Country Agreement

6.4 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25

(Pages 108 – 109)

Attached Documents:

Response from the Chair to the Chair of the Finance Committee in relation to the scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25

6.5 Performance of Dwr Cymru Welsh Water

(Pages 110 – 119)

Attached Documents:

Additional response from Natural Resources Wales to the Committee's report: Report on performance of Dŵr Cymru – Recommendation 11

6.6 Climate emissions in Wales

(Pages 120 – 122)

Attached Documents:

Letter from Friends of the Earth Cymru to the Chair in relation to climate emissions in Wales

7 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the start of the meeting on 18 July

(13.00)