

Agenda – Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 4 Tŷ Hywel and video

Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 20 February 2025

Meeting time: 09.30

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Hybrid

Private pre-meeting (09.15–09.30)

Public meeting (09.30–13.10)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

(09.30)

2 Annual scrutiny of the National Infrastructure Commission for Wales

(09.30–11.00)

(Pages 1 – 52)

Dr David Clubb, Chair – National Infrastructure Commission for Wales

Dr Jenifer Baxter, Deputy Chair – National Infrastructure Commission for Wales

Dr Eurgain Powell, Commissioner – National Infrastructure Commission for Wales

Eluned Parrott, Commissioner – National Infrastructure Commission for Wales

[National Infrastructure Commission for Wales – Annual Report 2024](#) (PDF

3.4MB)



[National Infrastructure Commission for Wales – Building resilience to flooding in Wales by 2050](#) (PDF 6.5MB)

Attached Documents:

Research brief – National Infrastructure Commission for Wales: Annual Scrutiny

Annual report 2024 – National Infrastructure Commission for Wales

Storm response paper – National Infrastructure Commission for Wales

Break (11.00–11.15)

3 Storm response inquiry – evidence session with forecasting bodies

(11.15–12.10)

(Pages 53 – 112)

Simon Brown, Director of Services – Met Office

Russell Turner, Head of Centre – Flood Forecasting Centre

Attached Documents:

Research brief – Storm response inquiry

Paper – Met Office

Paper – Flood Forecasting Centre

Post Event Summary: Storm Bert – Flood Forecasting Centre

Flood Guidance Statements – Flood Forecasting Centre

Break (12.10–12.15)

4 Storm response inquiry – evidence session with local authorities

(12.15–13.10)

(Pages 113 – 124)

Cllr Andrew Morgan, Leader – The Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA)

Andrew Stone, Service Director, Highways and Engineering – Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council

Huw Percy, Head of Highways, Property and Waste Services – Isle of Anglesey County Council

Attached Documents:

Paper – Isle of Anglesey County Council

Paper – Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council

5 Papers to note (13.10)

5.1 Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

(Pages 125 – 130)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the President of the Catalan Parliament in relation to Wales' Well-being of Future Generations Act

Response from the President of the Catalan Parliament to the Chair in relation to Wales' Well-being of Future Generations Act

5.2 Storm response

(Pages 131 – 132)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to Heledd Fychan MS in relation to flooding in Wales

Letter from the Chair to Andrew RT Davies MS in relation to flooding in Wales

5.3 HS2 Funding

(Pages 133 – 135)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language to the Chair in relation to HS2 Funding

5.4 International agreements

(Pages 136 – 137)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to the Chair in relation to the Protocol to the Interbus Agreement concerning the international carriage of passengers by coach and bus

5.5 Scrutiny of Natural Resources Wales

(Pages 138 – 144)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair of the Petitions Committee to the Chair in relation to the annual scrutiny of Natural Resources Wales and pollution at Watchtower Bay and Ogmore by Sea

Letter from the Chair of the Petitions Committee to the Chair in relation to the scrutiny of Natural Resources Wales

5.6 Legislative Consent: Data (Use and Access) Bill

(Pages 145 – 148)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning to the Chair of the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee in relation to the TCA for the (LCM) on the Data (Use and Access) Bill

5.7 Holyhead Port storm damage and closure

(Pages 149 – 150)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair of the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee to the Chair in relation to the inquiry into Holyhead Port storm damage and closure

5.8 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26

(Pages 151 – 152)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs to the Chair following the 8 January 2025 scrutiny session in relation to the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26

5.9 Disused Mine and Quarry Tips (Wales) Bill

(Pages 153 – 183)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs to the Chair in relation to the Disused Mine and Quarry Tips (Wales) Bill – summary guidance

Letter from the Coal Action Network to the Chair in relation to the Disused Mine and Quarry Tips (Wales) Bill

5.10 The UK Emissions Trading Scheme

(Pages 184 – 187)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change & Rural Affairs to the Chair in relation to the UK Emissions Trading Scheme – 10 February 2025

Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change & Rural Affairs to the Chair in relation to the UK Emissions Trading Scheme – 12 February 2025

5.11 Legislative Consent: Water (Special Measures) Bill

(Pages 188 – 189)

Attached Documents:

Response from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs to the Chair in relation to the Committee's report: Report on Legislative Consent Memoranda for the Water (Special Measures) Bill

5.12 Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement

(Pages 190 – 191)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee in relation to the Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement: Transport Inter-Ministerial Standing Committee

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

(13.10)

Private meeting (13.10–13.30)

7 Consideration of evidence received under items 2, 3 and 4