

Concise Minutes – Environment and Sustainability Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 25 February
2016

Meeting time: 09.30 – 11.30

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Attendance

| Category | Names |
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| Assembly Members: | Alun Ffred Jones AM (Chair) Mick Antoniw AM Jeff Cuthbert AM Llyr Gruffydd AM Janet Haworth AM David Rees AM (In place of Julie Morgan AM) Jenny Rathbone AM Joyce Watson AM |
| Witnesses: | Alistair McQuaid, Wales Audit Office Matthew Mortlock, Wales Audit Office Sophie Knott, Wales Audit Office |
| Committee Staff: | Martha Da Gama Howells (Second Clerk) Adam Vaughan (Deputy Clerk) |



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| | Hasera Khan (Official) Alan Simpson (Expert Adviser) |
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Transcript

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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 Apologies were received Julie Morgan, William Powell and Russell George. David Rees attended as a substitute.

2 Papers to note

2.1.1 Committee Members noted the papers.

2.1 'A Smarter Energy Future for Wales?' – Further information from the Minister for Natural Resources and the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport

**2.2 Proposal to replace the Human Rights Act with a British Bill of Rights:
Correspondence from the Chair of the Joint Committee on Human Rights to the Presiding Officer**

2.3 Inquiry into the organic production and labelling of organic products – Response from the Deputy Minister for Farming and Food

2.4 Budget Scrutiny: Response from the Minister for Natural Resources and the Deputy Minister for Farming and Food

3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

3.1 Members of the Committee agreed the motion.

4 Briefing on the Wales Audit Office report: 'The Development of Natural Resources Wales'

4.1 Member of the committee received a briefing from the Wales Audit Office officials on the 'The Development of Natural Resources Wales' Report.

5 Inquiry into a Smarter Energy Future for Wales? – discussion of draft report

5.1 The Committee discussed the draft report.

6 Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum – Housing and Planning Bill

6.1 Member agreed to write to the Welsh Government.