

# Concise Minutes – Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 16 November 2017

Meeting time: 09.30 – 10.45

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Mike Hedges AM (Chair) Jayne Bryant AM Dai Lloyd AM Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM (In place of David Melding AM) Jenny Rathbone AM Simon Thomas AM
Witnesses:	Diane McCrea, Natural Resources Wales Kevin Ingram, Natural Resources Wales Ceri Davies, Natural Resources Wales
Committee Staff:	Marc Wyn Jones (Clerk)



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## **1 Private pre-meeting**

## **2 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

Apologies were received from Gareth Bennett AM, Huw Irranca-Davies AM and David Melding AM. Mohammad Asghar AM substituted for David Melding AM.

The Chair paid tribute to Carl Sargeant AM, who was the Cabinet Secretary responsible for taking forward the Well-being of Future Generations Act.

He also thanked Huw Irranca-Davies for his contribution to the work of the Committee.

## **3 Annual scrutiny of Natural Resources Wales**

Diane McCrea, Kevin Ingram and Ceri Davies answered questions from Members.

Diane McCrea offered to provide further information on:

- renewable energy schemes on land owned by Natural Resources Wales;
- the extent to which the profits from the sale of timber felled as a result of the Phytophthora Ramorum outbreak were reinvested in replanting; and
- an inquiry about licences for exploratory drilling related to fracking in Wales.
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## **4 Budget and general scrutiny of the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport – Postponed**

## **5 Paper(s) to note**

Members noted the papers.

- 5.1 Correspondence regarding the Committee's report, 'Turning the Tide? Report of the inquiry into the Welsh Government approach to Marine Protected Area management' – Letter from the Chair to the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs
- 5.2 Correspondence regarding the Committee's report, 'Turning the Tide? Report of the inquiry into the Welsh Government approach to Marine Protected Area management' – response from the Cabinet Secretary to the Chair
- 5.3 Correspondence regarding the Committee's report, 'Turning the Tide? Report of the inquiry into the Welsh Government approach to Marine Protected Area management' – Letter from the Welsh Fisherman's Association
- 5.4 Correspondence regarding the Committee's report, 'Turning the Tide? Report of the inquiry into the Welsh Government approach to Marine Protected Area management' – response from the Chair to the Welsh Fisherman's Association
- 5.5 Letter from the Chair of the Public Accounts Committee regarding Welsh Government funding of Carmarthenshire Energy Limited

Simon Thomas AM requested that this matter is raised with the Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs during the Committee's future scrutiny work.

- 5.6 Letter from the Chair to the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs regarding the Welsh Government's Natural Resources Policy
- 5.7 Slides from presentation delivered by EDF Energy at 26 October Committee meeting