

Concise Minutes – Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 22 November 2017

Meeting time: 09.15 – 12.40

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Mike Hedges AM (Chair) Gareth Bennett AM Jayne Bryant AM Dai Lloyd AM David Melding AM Jenny Rathbone AM Simon Thomas AM
Witnesses:	Gareth Enticott, Cardiff University Lesley Griffiths AM, Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs Hannah Blythyn AM, Minister for Environment Andrew Slade, Welsh Government Christianne Glossop, Chief Veterinary Officer, Welsh Government Dean Medcraft, Welsh Government



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Committee Staff:	Marc Wyn Jones (Clerk)
	Louise Andrewartha (Deputy Clerk)
	Chloe Corbyn (Researcher)
	Wendy Dodds (Researcher)
	Martin Jennings (Researcher)

1 Private pre-meeting

2 Update on Bovine TB

Members received a presentation from Dr Gareth Enticott on Bovine TB and asked questions.

The Committee agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs about the issues raised.

3 Discussion of forward work programme

The Committee agreed its forward work programme. This will include:

- carrying out further work on the inquiry into rethinking food in Wales;
- undertaking work on air quality;
- a discussion on the Welsh Government's forthcoming Marine Plan, and
- inviting the recently appointed Chief Executive of Natural Resources Wales to a future Committee meeting.

4 Briefing on the Welsh Government's draft budget 2018 – 19

Members received a briefing and asked questions on the issues raised.

5 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Huw Irranca-Davies.

6 Scrutiny of the Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs and the Minister for Environment on the Welsh Government's draft budget 2018 – 19

The Cabinet Secretary, the Minister and their officials responded to questions from Members. The Committee agreed to publish a report on the aspects of the Welsh Government's draft budget that relate to the Committee's remit.

7 Paper(s) to note

Members noted the papers.

7.1 Letter to Natural Resources Wales regarding disposal of dredged sediment at sea under marine licence 12/45/ML.

7.2 Letter from the Chair of Natural Resources Wales regarding the appointment of the Chief Executive of Natural Resources Wales

8 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the next item.

9 Private discussion following scrutiny of the Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs and the Minister for Environment on the Welsh Government's draft budget 2018 – 19

The Committee discussed the evidence and agreed to address several issues in its report on the draft Budget.

The Committee agreed to write to Natural Resources Wales to request information on its budget net of 'invest to save' loan repayments.