

Concise Minutes – Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 15 July 2021

Meeting time: 10.30 – 13.00

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Llyr Gruffydd MS (Chair) Janet Finch–Saunders MS Huw Irranca–Davies MS Delyth Jewell MS Jenny Rathbone MS Joyce Watson MS
Witnesses:	Howard Davies, Welsh Government Julie James MS, Minister for Climate Change Bernadette Payne, Welsh Government Olwen Spiller, Welsh Government Eifiona Williams, Welsh Government Jo Stevens, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Marc Wyn Jones (Clerk) Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk) Andrea Storer (Deputy Clerk)



	Craig Griffiths (Legal Adviser) Gareth Howells (Legal Adviser) Chloe Corbyn (Researcher) Andrew Minnis (Researcher)
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the inaugural meeting of the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee.

2 Remit of the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee

2.1 The Committee noted the paper on its remit.

3 Paper(s) to note

3.1 The papers were noted.

3.1 The Welsh Government's priorities for climate change, environment and infrastructure

3.2 Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Environment Bill

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from items 5 and 6 of today's meeting

4.1 The motion was agreed.

5 Discussion on early business and future work planning

5.1 The Committee considered and discussed its paper on early business and strategic planning.

5.2 The Committee agreed to launch a consultation to gather views on its priorities over the summer recess.

6 Consideration of the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Environment Bill

6.1 Members received a legal briefing and considered the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Environment Bill.

7 Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Environment Bill: scrutiny of the Minister for Climate Change

7.1 Members questioned the Minister for Climate Change on the Welsh Government's Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Environment Bill.

8 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) to resolve to exclude the public from item 9 of today's meeting

8.1 The motion was agreed.

9 Consideration of evidence received under item 7 and discussion on next steps in relation to the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Environment Bill

9.1 Members considered the evidence heard under item 7 and agreed to write to the Minister for Climate Change to request further information on some of the issues raised during the session.