

Concise Minutes – Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 30 September 2021

Meeting time: 09.15 – 16.00

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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:	Lord Deben, UK Committee on Climate Change Sophie Howe, Future Generations Commissioner Ruth Jenkins, Natural Resources Wales Jeremy Parr, Natural Resources Wales Haf Elgar, Friends of the Earth Jerry Langford, Coed Cadw Woodland Trust Katie-jo Luxton, RSPB Cymru Anne Meikle, WWF Cymru



	<p>Annie Smith, RSPB</p> <p>Clare Trotman, Marine Conservation Society</p> <p>Professor Richard Cowell, Cardiff University</p> <p>Dr David Clubb, National Infrastructure Commission for Wales</p> <p>Dr Clive Walmsley, Natural Resources Wales</p> <p>Jacob Ellis, Office of the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales</p> <p>Claire Shrewsbury, WRAP Cymru</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>Marc Wyn Jones (Clerk)</p> <p>Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk)</p> <p>Andrea Storer (Deputy Clerk)</p>

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

1.2 The Chair stated that if for any reason he dropped out of the meeting, the Committee agreed that Delyth Jewell MS would become Temporary Chair.

1.3 In accordance with Standing Order 17.24A, Llyr Gruffydd MS, and Joyce Watson MS made declarations of relevant interests.

2 Priorities for the Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee: Evidence session 5 – climate change

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Rt Hon Lord Deben, Climate Change Committee, and Sophie Howe, Future Generations Commissioner for Wales.

3 Priorities for the Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee: Evidence session 6 – climate change and flooding

3.1 The Committee heard evidence from representatives of Friends of the Earth (FOE) Cymru; World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Cymru, and Natural Resources Wales.

4 Priorities for the Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee: Evidence session 7 – environment and biodiversity: governance and targets

4.1 The Committee heard evidence from representatives of the School of Geography and Planning – Cardiff University; Natural Resources Wales; Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) Cymru, and Marine Conservation Society.

5 Priorities for the Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee: Evidence session 8 – environment and biodiversity: green recovery

5.1 The Committee heard evidence from representatives of the Woodland Trust; Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) Cymru, and WRAP Cymru.

6 Scrutiny of the Chair Designate of the National Infrastructure Commission for Wales (NICW)

6.1 The Committee conducted a scrutiny session with the Chair Designate, National Infrastructure Commission for Wales.

7 Paper(s) to note

7.1 The papers were noted.

- 7.1 Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Environment Bill**
- 7.2 Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Environment Bill**
- 7.3 UK/Japan: Protocol Amending the Agreement for Co-operation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy**
- 7.4 Environmental principles and governance**
- 7.5 Common Frameworks**
- 7.6 Welsh Water**
- 7.7 Competition and Markets Authority (CMA)**
- 8 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of today's meeting**
 - 8.1 The motion was agreed.
- 9 Priorities for the Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee: consideration of evidence heard under items 2,3,4 and 5**
 - 9.1 Members considered the evidence heard during evidence sessions 2,3, 4 and 5.
- 10 Scrutiny of the Chair Designate of the National Infrastructure Commission for Wales (NICW): consideration of evidence heard under item 6**
 - 10.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received under item 6 and identified issues it wished to include in its report.