

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

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 5 – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: Thursday, 5 November 2020

Meeting time: 13.30 – 16.50

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Mike Hedges MS (Chair) Janet Finch-Saunders MS Llyr Gruffydd MS Neil Hamilton MS Jenny Rathbone MS Joyce Watson MS
Witnesses:	Dr Neil Harris, Cardiff University Rhys Wyn Jones, Renewable UK Cymru Dr Roisin Willmott, National Director, Royal Town Planning Institute Cymru Hedd Roberts, National Grid Eleri Davies, RWE Renewables
Committee Staff:	Marc Wyn Jones (Clerk) Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk)



	Andrea Storer (Deputy Clerk) Elfyn Henderson (Researcher) Francesca Howorth (Researcher)
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## **1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the virtual meeting of the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee.

1.2 In accordance with Standing Order 34.19, the Chair stated that he had determined that the public were excluded from the Committee's meeting in order to protect public health.

1.3 The Chair stated that if for any reason he dropped out of the meeting, the Committee agreed that Jenny Rathbone MS would become Temporary Chair in accordance with Standing Order 17.22.

## **2 Draft National Development Framework for Wales – evidence session: Planning**

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from Dr Roisin Willmott, Royal Town Planning Institute Cymru, and Dr Neil Harris, School of Geography and Planning, Cardiff University.

## **3 Draft National Development Framework for Wales – evidence session: National Grid**

3.1 The Committee heard evidence from Hêdd Roberts, the National Grid.

## **4 Draft National Development Framework for Wales – evidence session: Renewable Energy Sector**

4.1 The Committee heard evidence from Eleri Davies, RWE Renewables and Rhys Wyn Jones, Renewable UK Cymru.

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

5.1 The papers were noted.

- 5.1 Correspondence to the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs – follow up from 17 September scrutiny session
- 5.2 Correspondence between the Minister for Housing and Local Government and the Chair: Common Frameworks – Hazardous Substances (Planning)
- 5.3 Correspondence to the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs: Common Frameworks – UK Emissions Trading Scheme
- 5.4 Correspondence between the Chair and the Chairperson, Committee for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Northern Ireland Assembly: Common Frameworks – UK Emissions Trading Scheme
- 5.5 Correspondence from the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs: Common Frameworks – reclassification
- 5.6 Correspondence from the Chair to the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs on the Welsh Government draft budget 2021–22
- 5.7 Correspondence from the Chair, Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to the Llywydd and Chair of the Business Committee – Scrutiny of Covid–19 regulations
- 5.8 Correspondence to the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs on the Agriculture (Model Clauses for Fixed Equipment) (Wales) Regulations 2019, following correspondence from the Tenant Farmers Association
- 5.9 Correspondence from the Chair, Petitions Committee – Air quality
- 6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting
  - 6.1 The motion was agreed.

## **7 Consideration of evidence received under items 2, 3 and 4**

7.1 The Committee considered the evidence heard under items 2, 3 and 4.