

Environment and Sustainability Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 3 – Senedd**

Meeting date: **Wednesday, 7 May 2014**

Meeting time: **09.30 – 11.55**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Alun Ffred Jones AM (Chair)
Mick Antoniw AM
Russell George AM
Julie James AM
Julie Morgan AM
William Powell AM
Antoinette Sandbach AM
Joyce Watson AM

Witnesses:

Professor Peter Matthews, Natural Resources Wales
Emyr Roberts, Natural Resources Wales

Committee Staff:

Alun Davidson (Clerk)
Catherine Hunt (Deputy Clerk)
Nia Seaton (Researcher)

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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 Apologies were received from Llyr Gruffydd. There were no substitutions.

2 Natural Resources Wales – General scrutiny session

2.1 Emyr Roberts and Peter Matthews responded to questions from members of the Committee.

2.2 Emyr Roberts agreed to provide information in writing on:

- How the 209 prosecutions carried out by NRW during 2013–14 compared to the figures for previous years;
- The procedure for handling applications made by other NRW departments to ensure no conflicts of interest;
- The remit of the group set up to consider the Wales Coastal Path.

3 Papers to note

3.1 The Committee noted the minutes.

Letter from RSPB Cymru : Future Generations Bill

3.2 The Committee noted the letter.

Letter from the Minister for Natural Resources and Food : Water Strategy for Wales

3.3 The Committee noted the letter.

Letter from the Minister for Natural Resources and Food : The economic impact of wind farms on tourism

3.4 The Committee noted the letter.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for items 5, 6 & 7

4.1 The Committee agreed the Motion.

5 Proposed terms of reference for forthcoming inquiries

5.1 The Committee agreed the terms of reference for its inquiries into recycling in Wales and energy efficiency and fuel poverty in Wales.

6 Inquiry into the Welsh Government's proposals for the M4 around Newport : Consideration of next steps

6.1 The Committee agreed to write to the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport.

7 Sustainable Land Management : Consideration of draft report

7.1 The Committee considered the draft report and agreed to consider any changes by email.