



CYNNAL CYMRU - SUSTAIN WALES

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NEWS FROM THE WELSH ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT

- *Wales Intergenerational Strategy* published (01.10.08)
- *Genesis Cymru Wales 2* initiative launched to tackle barriers unemployed people face when wanting to learn new skills or return to work (02.10.08)
- New website launched – *Your Area, Your Services, Your Voice* – to inform debate about public services and how they can be improved (02.10.08)
- Publication of *Making a Difference: Good practice in Communities First* (02.10.08)
- *Second Environment Strategy Action Plan for Wales* is launched (17.10.08)
- Latest data for greenhouse gas emissions in Wales published (23.09.08)
- Announcement of an extra £6.8m support for the organic farming sector in Wales (22.10.08)
- Minister supports UK target of at least 80% reduction in CO2 emissions by 2050 (16.10.08)

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES

- National Assembly Committee Supports Legislation Aimed at Improving Healthy Eating in Schools (06.10.08)
- Plenary debate on the *Skills that work for Wales* Strategy and Action Plan (07.10.08)
- Communities and Culture Committee scrutiny session on the Affordable Housing Task and Finish Group report (08.10.08)
- Sustainability Committee continue their inquiry into carbon reduction in Wales with evidence sessions on energy production (16.10.08)
- Scrutiny of the Proposed Local Government Measure - to create a statutory regime that integrates long-term community planning and the shorter-term service improvement regime (14.10.08)
- Kirsty Williams AM publishes statement requesting reduction in the rate of VAT from 17.5 % to 5 % on building repair and improvement work to existing buildings (14.10.08)
- Enterprise and Learning Committee begin evidence sessions on legislation to make provision for a legal framework to develop and maintain a network of traffic free shared use paths in Wales (22.10.08)
- Sustainability Committee undertake evidence session on fuel poverty (23.10.08)

CONSULTATIONS

- Consultation on Amendments to the Environmental Noise (Wales) Regulations 2006 (deadline 10th November)
- The development of a family nurse service for Wales (deadline 5th November)
- A review of land management actions under Axis 2 of the Rural Development Plan for Wales 2007 – 2013 (deadline 19th December)
- A new approach to Adult Community Learning (deadline 31st December)
- Consultation on the proposed approach indicators for a Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation: Child Index (deadline 9th January)
- UK Department of Energy and Climate Change consultation on: Carbon units, the net UK carbon account and carbon accounting (deadline 19 January 2008)

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

- BRASS publishes research on *Food Hubs: The 'Missing Middle' of the Local Food Infrastructure?* (10.08)
- Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors publish Wales Climate Challenge report: *The Climate Challenge - Your City, Your Responsibility* (01.10.08)
- Data Unit Wales publishes Local Authority performance indicators (02.10.08)
- Quality of Life indicators now available on Data Unit Wales website, from 2002 to 2008 by local authority (06.10.08)
- WWF's *Living Planet* report ranks Wales and the UK as 15th in the world in terms of the impact its use of resources is having on the planet (29.10.08)
- UK Industry Taskforce on Peak Oil & Energy Security (ITPOES) publish *The Oil Crunch: Securing the UK's energy future* (29.10.08)

COMING UP

- Welsh Assembly Government consultations on the new Sustainable Development Scheme for Wales and a Green Jobs Strategy for Wales (both due in mid November)
- Ministerial update on the work of the Climate Change Commission for Wales (4th November)

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