



CYNNAL CYMRU - SUSTAIN WALES

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NEWS FROM THE WELSH ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT

- **Publication of new guide on climate change and home improvements (05.03.09)**
- **Announcement on a new industry backed group to cut carbon emissions from buildings across the country (09.03.09)**
- **Ministerial statement on the community transport concessionary fares initiative (10.03.09)**
- **Ministerial statement on the sustainable travel towns initiative (10.03.09)**
- **The Minister for Economy and Transport announces grants of more than £95million to improve roads, develop sustainable transport and encourage walking and cycling across Wales (12.03.09)**
- **New European funding given to flood and coastal management in Wales (16.03.09)**
- **Minister announces major shake-up in the way the Welsh Assembly Government provides support for those in fuel poverty (16.03.09)**
- **New Small Workplace Health Award launched to help improve the health and well-being of people employed in small businesses and organisations (17.03.09)**

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES

- **Sustainability Committee undertake scrutiny sessions on the implementation of Sustainable development targets and policies within each WAG department (5 and 19.03.09)**
- **Enterprise and Learning Committee continue their inquiry into the Welsh Assembly Government's response to the international economic downturn (5, 12 and 19.03.09)**
- **Sustainability Committee continue inquiry into carbon reduction in Wales with a scrutiny session on the contribution of Planning (05.03.09)**
- **Plenary debate on the Wales for Africa Programme (10.03.09)**
- **Rural Development Sub-Committee continue their inquiry into the production and promotion of Welsh Food (12 and 26.03.09)**
- **Plenary debate on the Rural Development Sub-Committee's Report on its Inquiry into the Review of Axis 2 of the Wales Rural (25.03.09)**
- **Enterprise and Learning Committee take evidence on the Welsh Assembly Government's Walking and Cycling Action Plan and Sustainable Travel Towns Initiative (26.03.09)**

CONSULTATIONS

- **Our Healthy Future, a Strategic Framework for Public Health in Wales (deadline 31st March)**
- **UK Government's 'Low Carbon Industrial Strategy: a Vision' (deadline 31st March)**
- **The All Wales Community Cohesion Strategy (deadline 6th April)**
- **Severn Tidal Power Feasibility Study: Public Consultation (deadline 23rd April)**
- **Proposals on the future of Community Health Councils in Wales (deadline 24th April)**
- **Sustainable Homes: A National Housing Strategy for Wales Consultation (deadline 1st May)**
- **Consultation on the Financial Inclusion Strategy for Wales (deadline 4th May)**
- **Consultation on proposed amendments to the Hazardous Waste (Wales) Regulations 2005 (deadline 8th May)**
- **Consultation on the draft heatwave plan for Wales (deadline 8th May)**
- **Consultation on a Bioenergy Action Plan for Wales (deadline 22nd May)**
- **Carbon Reduction Commitment Scheme consultation (deadline 4th June)**
- **National Energy Efficiency and Savings Plan consultation (deadline 5th June)**

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

- **Welsh Assembly Government survey results on attitudes to the environment in Wales**
- **National Assembly Members Research Service report on Carbon Dioxide Emissions in Wales**
- **National Energy Action (NEA) Cymru report on their 'Tackling Fuel Poverty in Wales' conference**
- **UK Welsh Affairs Committee report on the proposed Assembly legislative competence over agriculture and rural development**
- **UK Welsh Affairs Committee report on globalisation and its impact on Wales**

COMING UP

- **The launch of the Wales Woodland Strategy and a consultation on a 'Local food sourcing Action Plan' for Wales**
- **Regional Transport Plans are to be submitted to WAG in September – to see and comment on the plans go to either: www.sewta.gov.uk; www.swwitch.net; www.tracc.gov.uk; www.taith.gov.uk**

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