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NEWS FROM THE WELSH ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT

- Minister launches revised strategy for trees and woodlands, 'Woodlands for Wales' (27.03.09)
- Minister publishes strategic policy position statement on water (31.03.09)
- Minister launches 'Local Sourcing Action Plan – Food and Drink for Wales' (02.04.09)
- New fund launched to help develop proposals to generate electricity from the River Severn's tidal power (02.04.09)
- Grants announced for road safety projects across Wales (03.04.09)
- Further counter-recession measures announced at 5th All-Wales Economic Summit (07.04.09)
- Ministerial statement in response to the consultation responses to the Climate Change Strategy – High Level Policy Statement consultation (09.04.09)
- Minister launches 'Adding Value to Welsh Food Produce project' (20.04.09)
- New design statements for planning applications in Wales soon come into force (20.04.09)

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES

- Finance Committee continue their *inquiry into Funding Road Infrastructure* (01.04.09)
- Sustainability Committee take evidence from WAG on the implementation of sustainable development targets and policies within the portfolios of Rural Affairs; Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills; Heritage; Economy and Transport (02.04.09)
- Sustainability Committee publish their report on 'Carbon Reduction by Industry and Public Bodies in Wales' (04.09)
- Committee consider the proposed legislation regarding community involvement in arrangements for the shipment of waste for recovery (29.04.09)
- Short debate on the decline of the honey bee (29.04.09)

CONSULTATIONS

- Consultation on the Financial Inclusion Strategy for Wales (deadline 4th May)
- Consultation on the draft heatwave plan for Wales (deadline 8th May)
- The UK Government's consultation on Community Energy Saving Programme (CESP) (deadline 8th May)
- UK Heat and Energy Saving Strategy Consultation (deadline 8th May)
- The UK Government's consultation on proposed amendments to the Carbon Emissions Reduction Target 2008-2011 (deadline 14 April)
- UK consultation on the term 'carbon neutral': its definition and recommendations for good practice (deadline 21st 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

- Sustainable Development Commission publish 'Prosperity without Growth? - The transition to a sustainable economy' (30.03.09)
- Oxfam report – 'The Right to Survive: The humanitarian challenge in the twenty-first century' (04.09)
- Friends of the Earth briefing - Feeding the beast: How public money is propping up factory farms (04.09)
- Sustainable Development Commission publish 'A Sustainable New Deal' (07.04.09)
- Economic and Social Research Council report on 'How people use and 'misuse' buildings' (14.04.09)
- Institute for Public Policy Research report on 'Green Jobs: Prospects for creating jobs from offshore wind in the UK' (14.04.09)
- Liberal Democrat Severn Tidal Forum publish 'A Tidal Solution - The Way Forward' (16.04.09)

COMING UP

- Final version of the Green Jobs Strategy due to be published in July.

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