



CYNNAL CYMRU - SUSTAIN WALES

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NEWS FROM THE WELSH ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT

- **Draft legislation that could give the Assembly new powers to create its own environment laws presented to Assembly Members (AMs) and Parliament (27.04.09)**
- **Minister announces major changes to land management schemes under axis 2 of the Wales rural development plan (05.05.09)**
- **Minister announces green standards for new buildings in Wales intended to cut carbon emissions and improve their sustainability (07.05.09)**
- **Ministerial statement on the Climate Change Commission (12.05.09)**
- **Food Tourism Action Plan published (14.05.09)**
- **Campaign launched to get people in Wales to cut the number of single use carrier bags (18.05.09)**
- **Minister publishes new 'Farming, Food and Countryside Strategy' (19.05.09)**
- **'One Wales : One Planet' Sustainable Development Scheme launched (22.05.09)**

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES

- **Sustainability Committee publish their report on 'Carbon Reduction from Energy Generation' (05.09)**
- **Statement of Opinion supporting the campaign to make full use of the Heart of Wales line (05.05.09)**
- **Rural Development Sub-Committee continue their inquiry into the production and promotion of Welsh food, including evidence from the national Trust, Tesco, The Cooperative and the Wales Tourism Alliance (6 and 20.05.09)**
- **Sustainability Committee publish report on the implication of the Marine Bill on Wales (05.09)**
- **Enterprise and Learning Committee publish report on the Welsh Assembly Government's Response to the Current International Economic Downturn (13.05.09)**
- **Plenary debate on the Waste Strategy 2009-2050 consultation, 'Towards Zero Waste' (19.05.09)**

CONSULTATIONS

- Carbon Reduction Commitment Scheme consultation (deadline 4th June)
- National Energy Efficiency and Savings Plan consultation (deadline 5th June)
- Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution consult on study into 'The environmental impacts of demographic change' (deadline 12th June)
- Commons Act 2006 - part 1: Updating the Commons Registers in Wales (deadline 24th June)
- DEFRA Consultation on Delivering Marine Conservation Zones and European Marine Sites: A draft strategy for marine protected areas (deadline 13th July)
- Waste Strategy 2009 – 2050: Towards Zero Waste (deadline 22nd July)
- Draft Flood and Water Management Bill consultation (deadline 24th July)
- Climbing Higher - creating an active Wales (deadline 31 July)
- Consultation on Smart Metering for Electricity and Gas (deadline 3rd August)
- Rural Health Planning - improving service delivery across Wales (deadline 21st August)

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

- Voices for Change Cymru - *Connecting the third sector with local and national decision making* - launch new website
- IWA report, '*Putting Wales in the Driving Seat*' looks at how primary legislative powers could benefit health, transport and the environment in Wales (20.04.09)
- Sustainable Development Commission UK publish '*Sustainable Development in Government (SDiG) 2008: Challenges for Government*' (01.05.09)
- The Lancet publish '*Managing the Health Effects of Climate Change*' (13.05.09)
- IPPR publish report, '*Learning to Live: Museums, young people and education*' (13.05.09)
- European Environment Agency report on '*Water resources across Europe - confronting water scarcity and drought*' (04.09)

COMING UP

- Sustainability Committee to scrutinise Minister for Economy and Transport on mainstreaming sustainability across Welsh Assembly Government portfolios, 10th June
- Launch of Climate Change Strategy for Wales – Programme for Action consultation, 25th June
- 'Towards Zero Waste': the Draft Wales Waste Strategy, consultation events 4th June – Aberystwyth and 17th June – Llandudno (contact kate.reed@environment-agency.wales.gov.uk)

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