



# **CYNNAL CYMRU - SUSTAIN WALES**

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## **NEWS FROM THE WELSH ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT**

- **Welsh Assembly Government responds to the Sustainability Committee's report 'Mainstreaming Sustainability into Ministerial portfolios - 10 years of the statutory duty' (28.10.09)**
- **Heritage Minister welcomes Assembly Members' approval of Welsh Language law-making powers (03.11.09)**
- **Heritage Minister launches sustainable tourism and transport report (04.11.09)**
- **Minister states that regional governments must not be excluded from a new deal on climate change (05.11.09)**
- **Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing welcomes the passing of Marine and Coastal access Bill (12.11.09)**
- **Ministers announce investment in the energy performance of Welsh homes (12.11.09)**
- **Welsh Assembly Government and local government sign up to a New Understanding on roles and responsibilities (12.11.09)**
- **Devolution of building regulations to Wales move a step closer (18.11.09)**

## **NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES**

- **Assembly Members given update on single-use carrier bags and on preparations for Copenhagen (03.11.09)**
- **Statement of Opinion tabled by Leanne Wood AM, Mick Bates AM and Christine Chapman AM on a 'Nuclear Free Wales' (06.11.09)**
- **Minister supports Assembly-proposed legislation that could ensure a Wales-wide network of safe pedestrian and cycle routes (19.11.09)**
- **Enterprise and Learning Committee continues its inquiry into future railway infrastructure in Wales (04, 11, 18 and 23.11.09)**
- **Sustainability Committee continues its evidence sessions on access to inland water (05 and 12.11.09)**
- **Petitions opened on 'The Campaign for Dark Skies' and 'Help stop the alarming loss of wildlife and habitats' (11.09)**

- **Minister for Rural Affairs questioned on agri-environment schemes, local food production and food security (18.11.09)**
- **Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing questioned on Copenhagen, fuel poverty, planning guidance on flood plains and the Green Jobs Strategy (18.11.09)**
- **Assembly vote in favour of reducing emissions in Wales by 40% by 2020 (18.11.09)**
- **Rural Development Sub-Committee continues its inquiry into the future of the Welsh uplands (19 and 23.11.09)**
- **Assembly is given an update on the work of the Climate Change Commission for Wales (24.11.09)**
- **Proposed environmental law-making powers tabled (24.11.09)**
- **Enterprise and Learning Committee begin their inquiry into 'Generating Jobs in the Green Economy' (25.11.09)**
- **Sustainability Committee undertake an evidence session on fuel poverty (26.11.09)**
- **Legislation Committee 1 publish first stage report on the 'Proposed Shipment of Waste for Recovery' legislation (30.11.09)**

## CONSULTATIONS

- **Protecting Welsh Seas - A draft strategy for marine protected areas in Wales (deadline 16<sup>th</sup> December)**
- **Proposed offshore carbon dioxide storage licensing regime (deadline 30<sup>th</sup> December)**
- **Fuel Poverty Strategy (deadline 4<sup>th</sup> January)**
- **Future plans for the Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD) (deadline 8<sup>th</sup> January)**
- **National Transport Plan-Habitats Regulations Assessment (deadline 8<sup>th</sup> January)**
- **Delivering Skills That Work for Wales: Investing in Skills (deadline 11<sup>th</sup> January)**
- **UK National Policy Statements (setting out national need for particular types of energy infrastructure) (various deadlines)**
- **New Welsh Language Strategy (deadline 29<sup>th</sup> January)**
- **Consumer Focus Wales 2010-11 Work Plan (deadline 31<sup>st</sup> January)**

## RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

- **IPPR publish 'Consumer Power: How the public thinks lower-carbon behaviour could be made mainstream' (17.09.09)**
- **IPPR publish 'How To Make Capitalism Better: Conclusions from the Tomorrow's Capitalism programme' (15/09/09)**

- IPPR publish **The Future's Green: Jobs and in the UK Low-Carbon Transition** (02.11.09)
- Sustainable Development Commission publish **'Low Carbon Wales: Regional Priorities for Action'** (12.11.09)
- Wales Audit Office publish report on **'Coastal Erosion and Tidal Flooding Risks in Wales'** (29.11.09)

## COMING UP

### Welsh Spring Party Conferences:

- Welsh Liberal Democrats, Swansea, Grand Theatre (5-7 February)
- Plaid Cymru, Cardiff, Swalec Stadium (19-20 February)
- Welsh Labour, Swansea, Brangwyn Hall (26-28 February)
- Welsh Conservatives, Llandudno, Venue Cymru (5-7 March)

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