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NEWS FROM THE WELSH ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT

- **Five-year programme to study the impact of climate change on the land, sea and atmosphere given the go-ahead by the Welsh Assembly Government (27.11.09)**
- **Deputy Minister for Housing introduces proposed Sustainable Homes Legislative Competence Order (30.11.09)**
- **Welsh Assembly Government signs up to 10:10 campaign (02.12.09)**
- **Rural health plan for Wales announced (02.12.09)**
- **Welsh Assembly Government publishes state of the nation report on the well-being of older people in Wales (08.12.09)**
- **Chief Medical Officer warns prevention is key to future health of Wales (09.12.09)**
- **First Minister Carwyn Jones announces new Cabinet (10.12.09)**
- **Final Copenhagen text must include regional governments says Welsh Environment Minister (10.12.09)**
- **World must not fail in its duty to fight climate change says First Minister (14.12.09)**
- **First Minister launches deal to help African region adapt with climate change (15.12.09)**
- **Education Minister says higher education sector is key to a sustainable economy (15.12.09)**
- **Ministers unveil new move to help companies in Wales reduce the amount of waste they generate and send to landfill sites (18.12.09)**
- **Latest Welsh recycling statistics published (06.01.10)**
- **Ministerial update on the Climate Change Commission and Copenhagen Conference (12.01.10)**
- **Creating an Active Wales: physical activity action plan launched (13.01.10)**
- **Deputy First Minister launches a new initiative to encourage the people and businesses in Wales to help shape the Assembly Government's approach to economic development (19.01.10)**
- **£8 million made available to help community organisations in Wales invest in new technology to generate clean, renewable energy (21.01.10)**

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES

- **Greater openness on shipment of waste can be achieved without new law says Assembly Committee (30.11.09)**
- **Debate and Approval of the Draft National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Environment) Order 2010 (01.12.09)**
- **Short Debate: A Presumption against Opencast Mining in Wales? (01.12.09)**
- **Enterprise and Learning Committee hold evidence session on the Manufacturing Strategy (02.12.09)**
- **Assembly Member's paper on new economic, social and environmental model for Europe gets the nod in Brussels Plenary session (04.12.09)**
- **Plenary debate on the Final Budget (08.12.09)**
- **Welsh Conservatives Debate on the Flood and Water Management Bill (09.12.09)**
- **Enterprise and Learning Committee undertake inquiry into 'Generating Jobs in the Green Economy' (09.12.09, 14 & 21.01.10)**
- **Rural Development Sub-committee continue their inquiry into the 'Future of the Uplands' (09.12.09)**
- **Survey shows the environment, money, and safe places to play and hang out are the concerns of Welsh youngsters (15.12.09)**
- **Sustainability Committee hold scrutiny session on National Policy Statements (11.01.10)**
- **Plenary debate on the Sustainability Committee's Report on Mainstreaming Sustainability in Ministerial Portfolios (13.01.10)**
- **Welsh Conservatives lead debate on the Fuel Poverty Charter (13.01.10)**
- **Legislation Committee No 3 discuss the Proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Transport) Order 2010 (13,19 & 27.01.10)**
- **Petitions Committee holds evidence session on the 'Wales Needs More Native Trees' petition (19.01.10)**
- **Sustainability Committee hold evidence session on the Flood and Water Management Bill (21.01.10)**
- **Wales mustn't be left on slow train to better rail service, says Assembly Committee report (25.01.10)**
- **Public Accounts Committee receive briefing from the Auditor General on sustainable development and business decision making in the Welsh Assembly Government, and hold an evidence session on coastal erosion (27.01.10)**
- **Welsh Conservatives lead plenary debate on the Green Jobs Strategy (27.01.10)**

CONSULTATIONS

- UK National Policy Statements (setting out national need for particular types of energy infrastructure) (15th & 22nd February)
- How can the Welsh Government improve its approach to support the Welsh economy? (deadline 26th February)
- Consultation on the Air Quality Standards (Wales) Regulations 2010 (deadline 5th March)
- Consultation on Putting Things Right – a better way of dealing with concerns about health services (deadline 2nd April)
- Creating an Active Wales - Consultation on roles and responsibilities document (deadline 9th April)
- Consultation on the legal definition of waste and its application (deadline 12th April)

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

- IPPR publish "Copenhagen and Beyond: An ippr guide to climate change negotiations" (30.11.09)
- The Green New Deal Group publish "The Cuts Won't Work" (07.12.09)
- Committee on Climate Change publish Meeting the UK Aviation target – options for reducing emissions to 2050 (08.12.09)
- Sustainable Development Commission publish "Setting the Table: Advice to Government on priority elements of sustainable diets" (10.12.09)
- Global Climate Network publish "Low-Carbon Jobs in an Inter-Connected World" (11.12.09)
- New Economics Foundation publish "A Bit Rich: Calculating the real value to society of different professions" (14.12.09)
- Wales Audit Office publish "Sustainable development and business decision making in the Welsh Assembly Government" (21.01.10)
- New Economics Foundation publish "Growth isn't Possible: Why rich countries need a new economic direction" (25.01.10)

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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