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NEWS FROM THE WELSH ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT

- **WAG's Ecological Footprint grant scheme now up and running**
- **First Minister announces £34m programme to meet carbon-cutting targets (02/10/09)**
- **Minister for Finance and Public Service Delivery lays the WAG's Draft Budget for 2010-11 (05/10/09)**
- **Action to deliver a more sustainable Wales is a top priority in the WAG's budget plans, says Environment, Sustainability and Housing Minister (13/10/09)**
- **Heritage Minister to develop new Welsh language strategy (13/10/09)**
- **Deputy First Minister announces economic renewal programme for Wales (14/10/09)**
- **Good evidence to introduce charge on single-use carrier bags, says WAG-commissioned report (16/10/09)**
- **WAG announce extra £5 million for Welsh businesses and the public sector to become energy efficient (19/10/09)**
- **North south air link to continue for four more years, announces the Minister for the Economy and Transport, Ieuan Wyn Jones (19/10/09)**

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES

- **School meals to be healthier and more tightly regulated under new legislation introduced by the National Assembly (20/10/09)**
- **Assembly debate the Sustainability Committee's Report on Carbon Reduction from Land Use (21/10/09)**
- **Enterprise and Learning Committee take evidence on future railway infrastructure in Wales (21/10/09)**
- **Rural Development Sub- Committee hold evidence session on the Future of the Welsh Uplands (22.10.09)**
- **AMs sign Statement of Opinion on 'A fair global response to the climate change crisis' (10/09)**

CONSULTATIONS

- UK Government consultation on improving grid access (deadline 17th November)
- Protecting Welsh Seas - A draft strategy for marine protected areas in Wales (deadline 16th December)
- Proposed offshore carbon dioxide storage licensing regime (deadline 30th December)
- Future plans for the Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD) (deadline 8th January)
- Delivering Skills That Work for Wales: Investing in Skills (deadline 11th January)

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

- Global Climate Network publish 'Creating Opportunity: Low carbon jobs in an interconnected world' (09/09)
- UK Committee on Climate Change publish their first annual progress report to Parliament (10/09)
- Consumer Focus publish report on 'Adaptation to a Changing Climate' (10/09)
- National Atmospheric Emissions Inventory publish latest statistics on air pollution in Wales (13/10/09)
- UK Government publishes its response to a report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee on food security (19/10/09)
- A coalition of key organisation in Wales launch a fuel poverty charter (20/10/09)
- Global Climate Network publish report on 'Building Trust and Cooperation in a North-South Climate Change Compact: What role for environmental regulators?' (22/10/09)
- UK's Met Office Hadley Centre publish map showing impacts if we fail to limit dangerous climate change (22/10/09)

COMING UP

- Minister for Environment, Sustainability & Housing to make statement on Single Use Carrier Bags (03/11/09)
- Minister for Environment, Sustainability & Housing to make statement on preparing for Copenhagen (03/11/09)
- The Climate Change Committee is to publish its report on UK aviation emissions (08/12/09)
- The Enterprise and Learning Committee is to undertake an inquiry into Generating Jobs in the Green Economy in Wales

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