

Annual Scrutiny Sessions: Clarifications for the Committee Members

Ynyslas Car Parking

(relating to point 102 in the transcript)

A temporary management concession has been put to market for a third sector company to manage car parking on the Ynyslas beach until the new car parking system will be put in place. The delay is because of the sensitivity of the site as a biosphere and National Nature Reserve (NNR) and the need to do additional surveys before we install the infrastructure to house the equipment and to satisfy planning requirements. Contractor payment will be the fees accrued on site, so it is cost neutral to NRW and we can exit with flexibility when ready – the NNR and land management team have a separate budget and this in unaffected. Once the infrastructure has been installed, the car parking income will revert back to NRW and the NNR team will be able to use car parking income directly on further onsite enhancements, so the income goes directly to the conservation efforts of the biosphere and the NNR enhancing the conservation effort there.

Peatland Restoration Targets

(relating to point 76 in the transcript)

Two different statements got joined together here. We are ahead of target for the 5-year Programme (5x600ha=3000ha) but we are not yet delivering triple the targets at 1800ha pa yet. The "1800ha" is our target by 2031 and much of that depends on accelerating work following the significant delay from recruitment freeze and Case for Change. So we are 'ahead of target' in the context of the 5-year initial Programme at 600ha pa and 3000ha being the five-year target (which we have already achieved) – but we are not yet delivering 1800ha per annum.