

# **ENVIRONMENT, PLANNING AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**

## **REPORT TO PLENARY UNDER STANDING ORDER 9.9:**

### **APRIL 2000 TO APRIL 2001**

#### **1 Introduction**

1.1 The Environment, Planning and Transport Committee is one of the National Assembly's seven subject committees. This report is made under Standing Order 9.9, which requires subject committees to report to the Assembly from time to time on their progress in fulfilling their forward work programme, and covers the activities of the committee from its first meeting in April 2000 to the end of April 2001.

1.2 The committee is chaired by Richard Edwards and current members are: Mick Bates, David Davies, Geraint Davies, Sue Essex (Minister for Environment), John Griffiths, Helen Mary Jones, Tom Middlehurst, Karen Sinclair and Rhodri Glyn Thomas. The Secretariat are: Siwan Davies (Committee Clerk), Vaughan Watkin (Deputy Committee Clerk) and Juliette Selby (Committee Support).

1.3 There have been several changes to the Committee's membership since it was first elected on 29 March 2000:

- 10 October 2000 – Helen Mary Jones and Rhodri Glyn Thomas replaced Jocelyn Davies and Gareth Jones;
- November 2000 – John Marek resigned following his election as Deputy Presiding Officer. Tom Middlehurst and Karen Sinclair replaced John Marek and Carwyn Jones, Mick Bates replaced Christine Humphreys, and Glyn Davies left the committee when subject committees were re-elected on 9 November 2000.

1.4 During the reporting period the committee met 21 times, including an emergency meeting during the Easter recess 2001 to discuss the environmental implications of the foot and mouth outbreak.

#### **2 Method of Working**

2.1 As part of the commitment to make its proceedings more accessible to the people of Wales, the committee met in Pembrokeshire in the summer term and Snowdonia in the autumn term. A planned meeting in Brecon during the spring was postponed to the summer term due to the foot and mouth outbreak. Both committee sessions for the Nantygwyddon investigation were held in Rhondda, thus facilitating access for local residents.

### 3 Remit and Responsibilities

3.1 The Committee's remit is based on the portfolio of the Minister for Environment, Sue Essex, which embraces: environmental policy, including countryside issues; the National Parks Authorities; planning; transport and highways; and Cadw (ancient monuments and listed and historic buildings). In November 2000 sustainable development was added to the portfolio.

3.2 The responsibilities of subject committees are set out in Standing Orders, as reproduced at **Appendix 1**.

### 4 Priorities

4.1 At the first meeting it was agreed that, with such a broad remit, the committee would focus on those areas of policy development where it could make the greatest impact. Members identified three policy development priorities:

- undertaking a **policy review of public transport** in Wales;
- playing a key role in the development of a **Waste Strategy** for Wales;
- supporting the **development of a new national spatial framework for planning** and the current **review of Planning Guidance** (Wales): Planning Policy.

4.2 In addition to the policy development priorities, the strategic work programme for May 2000 to December 2001 included carrying out other standing order requirements, as well as contributing to the objectives of "Better Wales" as follows:

- 'Stimulate development that conserves natural resources and respects the environment' – contributing to the revision of Planning Guidance and the Sustainable Development Scheme;
- 'Achieve high standards in the management of our environment' – contributing to the revision of Planning Guidance, the development of a Waste Strategy for Wales, and to the direction and monitoring of the Environment Agency, the Countryside Council for Wales and the three Welsh National Parks;
- 'Develop a better co-ordinated and sustainable transport system to support local communities and the creation of a prosperous economy' – conducting a policy review of public transport in Wales;
- 'Extend access to and awareness of the Welsh language, our culture, heritage and sporting opportunities' – keeping these considerations in mind in its own proceedings and in the direction and monitoring of CADW: Welsh Historic Monuments.

### 5 Work and Achievements to Date

## ***Nantygwyddon investigation***

5.1 On 4 July the committee was instructed by the National Assembly to conduct an independent investigation into the Nantygwyddon landfill site in Rhondda and make specific recommendations for subsequent consideration in plenary.

5.2 Members agreed the scope of the investigation and role of the committee at the end of the summer term and detailed terms of reference for the investigation at the beginning of the autumn term. Following an open competition, the Minister for Environment appointed an independent investigator to assist the committee with its investigation, acting on the recommendation of the committee's public appointments panel and an independent assessor.

5.3 Two committee meetings were held in Rhondda in early autumn where members heard the views of local residents and bodies responsible for the establishment, management and regulation of the Nantygwyddon landfill site. The independent investigator, David Purchon, was commissioned to take forward detailed investigations, and report quickly, ideally within six months. Detailed investigations began at the beginning of November.

5.4 The independent investigator sought evidence and opinion from a wide range of individuals and bodies and commissioned two specific reports, one on hydrogeology and the other on toxicology. Questions were put to key parties involved in the various issues relating to the Nantygwyddon landfill site, which were subsequently answered at public sessions at the former Council Chambers, Pentre, where a wide range of people also gave personal testimonies about their experience. Evidence sessions are scheduled to continue during April and May.

5.5 Progress reports were presented to committee in the autumn and spring terms, and the Chair met with the independent investigator on a regular basis to discuss progress and emerging issues. The next progress reports to committee are scheduled for May and June, with the final report anticipated at the beginning of the autumn term.

## ***Hyder/Dwr Cymru***

5.6 Joint meetings with the Economic Development Committee were called at short notice to scrutinise the potential acquirers of Hyder - Nomura and Western Power Distribution. Also present to provide their views on the implications of the take-over were the Director General of Water Services, Chief Executive of Hyder, Chair of OFWAT's Water Services Committee for Wales, and representatives of the Trade Unions and Welsh Consumer Council. The committees issued a joint statement of principles that should be satisfied by any potential purchaser of Hyder, and called on the First Minister and Minister for Environment to reserve their position with regard to the exercise of its powers under Section 13 of Water Industry Act 1991 (to direct the Director General of Water Services not to make modifications which he may propose to the conditions of Dwr Cymru's appointment), until they were satisfied that the principles had been met by the successful bidder.

5.7 In the autumn term the committees jointly scrutinised Glas Cymru's proposal to take-over Dwr

Cymru from the new owners of Hyder, Western Power Distribution. A joint statement from the committees was influential in the new Director General of Water Services' decision not to block the proposal.

### ***Foot and Mouth***

5.8 During the Easter recess 2001 the committee met jointly with the Agriculture and Rural Development Committee to consider the environmental implications of the foot and mouth outbreak. Statements were made by the Minister for Environment and Minister for Rural Affairs, and questions put to National Assembly officials, the Chief Veterinary Officer for Wales, and representatives of the Countryside Council for Wales, Environment Agency and Intervention Board.

### ***Policy development (SO 9.7 (i))***

- **Review of public transport**

5.9 The committee adopted the following terms of reference for the review (conceived by the former Local Government and Environment Committee) early in the summer term:

- To consider the Assembly's public transport policies (covering bus, rail and community transport services) and to identify any short-term changes within the existing statutory, regulatory and organisational framework which would facilitate the delivery and take-up of improved and integrated services;
- To consider whether any longer-term changes to the statutory, regulatory and organisational framework relating to public transport would facilitate the delivery of improved services.

5.10 Following an open competition, a panel of all-party committee members appointed Denys Morgan as expert adviser to assist with the review.

5.11 Two transport seminars were held in the summer term where the committee heard from the Chair of the Commission for Integrated Transport, Welsh Local Government Association, Babtie consultants (on their study of North-South transport links), and the (then Shadow) Strategic Rail Authority. Views of a wide range of organisations were invited in writing during a consultation exercise running from July to September, which were supplemented by presentations at meetings during the autumn and spring terms.

5.12 The committee agreed that it would focus on the following priorities during the summer term 2001:

- identifying quality standards for public transport enabling improvements to be measured;
- assessing the potential of existing organisational structures to deliver such improvements;

- analysing alternative regional organisational structures, before making any recommendations on changes needed to the existing structures.

5.13 The aim is to consult on a draft report and recommendations over the summer recess, with final recommendations being made to plenary in the autumn term.

- **Contribution to policy development**

5.14 In addition to conducting its own review, the committee contributed to the following policy developments being taken forward by the Minister and her officials:

- the committee offered suggestions for the way forward for the **Sustainable Development Scheme** in light of the consultation responses, and amendments to an early draft of the Sustainable Development Action Plan, prior to plenary discussions;
- Land Use Planning Forum group convenors (who reviewed planning policy guidance for Wales) presented their report to the committee, and members commented on the final draft revised **Planning Policy Guidance Wales** before its issue for public consultation;
- members participated in a conference that considered the role of the **National Spatial Planning Framework** in addressing key challenges facing Wales in the future;
- members had the opportunity to shape the emerging **Transport Framework** at two stages prior to public consultation and also commented on criteria for Transport Grant allocations;
- the committee guided early preparations for a **Wales Waste Strategy** and was involved in drawing up the work programme of the new National Assembly/Environment Agency Waste Policy Support Unit. During the year members commented on arrangements to meet Wales' obligations arising from the EC Landfill Directive and the UK Management Plan for the Exports and Imports of Waste. The committee also discussed the Environment Agency's report on Shanks Chemical Services, Pontypool (formerly Rechem).

### ***Review of Expenditure and Administration (SO 9.7 (ii))***

5.15 Reports from the Minister for Environment were tabled at each formal meeting of the committee (with the exception of the Nantygwyddon investigation sessions), which kept members informed of current issues and enabled the committee to review developments within the portfolio. In the autumn term the Minister also submitted a report on flooding, which was supplemented by an interim report on the floods by the Environment Agency Wales, and a separate note from the Welsh Local Government Association.

### ***Review of Assembly Sponsored Public Bodies (ASPBs) (SO 9.7 (iii))***

5.16 Cadw (an Executive Agency of the National Assembly), the Countryside Council for Wales, Environment Agency and Welsh National Parks (Brecon Beacons, Pembrokeshire Coast and Snowdonia) fall within this portfolio.

5.17 During the year the committee met the Chief Executive and Senior Management Team of **Cadw** on three occasions to test draft targets and comment on the draft Corporate Plan, and to scrutinise performance against targets.

5.18 The committee considered bids for funding and future targets of the **Countryside Council for Wales, Environment Agency** and the **National Parks** in the summer term and scrutinised performance against targets in the spring term. The off-site meetings in the summer and autumn terms provided opportunities for members to visit the Pembrokeshire Coast and Snowdonia National Parks to see them in action.

5.19 The committee commented on draft terms of reference for the **quinquennial review of the Countryside Council for Wales** and received a draft interim report on the first stage of the review. The committee's comments were sought on terms of reference for the joint National Assembly/ Department for the Environment, Transport and the Regions' **Financial Management and Policy Review of the Environment Agency**. The final report on the **quinquennial review of Advisory Committee for Wales on the Environment Agency** was received by the committee, and it was agreed that the Advisory Committee was no longer needed, particularly given the overlap between its role and that of the committee under SO 9.7. During the year the committee also noted a progress report on the **quinquennial review of the Planning Inspectorate** and the **Joint Nature Conservation Committee**.

### ***Legislation (SO 9.8(i))***

5.20 The committee was not invited to scrutinise any draft subordinate legislation in accordance with Standing Order 22. However, the committee considered the **implementation of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 in Wales**. In the autumn term the committee heard the views of statutory bodies, landowners and voluntary organisations on issues relating to the implementation of the Act (then a Bill) in Wales. During the spring term the committee considered and endorsed an outline programme for the secondary legislation required to implement the provisions of the Act in Wales.

### ***Budget (SO 9.8 (ii))***

5.21 During the summer term the committee agreed that its two main budget priorities were the development of a waste strategy for Wales and improved integrated transport. Members also strongly felt that sustainable development should underpin all the National Assembly's policies and programmes, and that all bids for resources to deliver Better Wales objectives should be assessed for their long term sustainability.

5.22 There was a general welcome for the draft budget in the autumn term, in particular increased

provision for the committee's main priorities and increase in funding for the Countryside Council for Wales, Environment Agency and National Parks. The committee asked that adequate provision be identified across the National Assembly's portfolios to ensure that Sustainable Development could be mainstreamed in all policies and programmes. Members also support the Minister for Environment's efforts in calling for the full hypothecation of Landfill Tax that would enable the proceeds of the tax to directly support the development of more sustainable waste management practices.

### ***Complaints (SO 9.8(iii))***

5.23 No complaints were referred to the committee under the procedure outlined on Standing Order 21.

### ***Public Appointments (SO 9.8(iv))***

5.24 Mick Bates and Richard Edwards are currently the members that oversee public appointments within the committee's remit. During the reporting period this duty was undertaken by: Jocelyn Davies and Richard Edwards (July – September), and Richard Edwards and Helen Mary Jones (November - December).

5.25 Members were consulted on appointments to the Countryside Council for Wales (three appointments) and were members of the panel that interviewed for members of the Welsh National Park Authorities (seven appointments).

## **6 Forward Programme**

6.1 Strategic (Annex A) and detailed work programmes (Annex B) for the period May 2001 to December 2002 are attached.

## **PLANNING DECISION COMMITTEE**

### **REPORT TO PLENARY UNDER STANDING ORDER 9.9:**

#### **APRIL 2000 TO APRIL 2001**

##### **1 Introduction**

1.1 Each Planning Decision Committee has four members and is elected anew for each appeal or application (or group of appeals/applications). Members are selected from the Planning Decision Panel, which currently comprises members of the Environment, Planning and Transport Committee who have been trained for the purpose.

##### **2 Remit and responsibilities**

2.1 Planning Decision Committees decide:

- Appeals under Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (in those cases where the Assembly has recovered jurisdiction to determine the appeal from the appointed Inspector);
- Applications for planning permission which have been called in by the Assembly for decision under Section 77 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990;
- Applications to confirm an Order made under the Transport and Works Act 1992.

### 3 Method of Working

3.1 Planning Decision Committees meet in private, and their resolutions (but not deliberations) are set out in a decision letter, which is published.

### 4 Meetings

4.1 The following committees were elected and reached decisions within the reporting period:

- Sue Essex (Chair), David Davies, Geraint Davies and John Griffiths met as **PDC 2000/1** on 25 May 2000 to consider:
  - an application by Mr and Mrs S George for permission to carry out certain development at Portfield Gate, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, namely rehabilitation of the Enfield Homestead, including conversion of redundant corn barn for use as a single detached dwelling. **Permission refused**
- Richard Edwards (Chair), Jocelyn Davies, Christine Humphreys (apologies received from Carwyn Jones) met as **PDC 2000/2** on 18 August 2000 to consider:
  - Application by Mr and Mrs M Woosnam for the proposed development of a new dwelling and ancillary agricultural building on land at Upper Gwestydd, Cefnmawr, Newtown, Powys. **Permission refused**
  - Application by Mr E Griffiths for the proposed erection of a dwelling and store for mobile shop on land at Y Glyn, Talgarreg, Ceredigion. **Permission refused**
  - Appeal by Edge Developments Limited for the proposed development of a retail warehouse, garden centre and ancillary car parking, landscaping and access arrangements on land immediately east of Culverhouse Cross roundabout bounded by Cowbridge Road West and the Peripheral Distributor Road, Cardiff. **Permission granted, subject to conditions**
- Sue Essex (Chair), Tom Middlehurst, Rhodri Glyn Thomas (apologies received from David Davies) met as **PDC 2000/3** on 14 December 2000 to consider:



- Application by Mr N C Hulme for the proposed development of a new dwelling on land at Coedy-Cae, Abertillery, Blaenau Gwent. **Permission refused**
- Application by Mrs S G James for the proposed erection of a bungalow at Ffynnon Las, Goginan, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion. **Permission refused**
- Application by Bridgend Valleys Railway Company Ltd for an order providing for the transfer from Railtrack PLC to the applicants of the statutory powers to maintain and operate a portion of the existing Garw Valley Branch Railway in the communities of Ynysawdre and Garw Valley, Bridgend. **Order made**
- David Davies (Chair), Karen Sinclair and Geraint Davies (apologies received from Richard Edwards) met as **PDC 2001/1** on 7 February to consider:
- Application by Williams Humphreys Partnership for residential development and installation of sewage treatment plant on land at Neuaddfraith, Aberbechan, Newtown, Powys. **Permission refused**
- Application by Mr T A E Price and Mrs G M Price for renewal of planning permission for residential development (erection of 67 dwellings, play area, estate roads, widening of the adjoining highway and drainage works) on land at Pt OS 2949 Llandyssil, Montgomery (Renewal of Planning Permission M18097). **Permission refused**
- Richard Edwards (Chair), Rhodri Glyn Thomas and David Davies (apologies received from John Griffiths) met as **PDC 2001/2** on 4 May to consider:
- Application by Anglesey Boat Company Ltd for proposed construction of a marina and facilities building, car park and boat storage at Gallows Point, Beaumaris, Anglesey. **Further information requested**
- Planning appeal by Mrs R E Davies for proposed creation of ground floor flat at Manor House, Vine Square, Llanfyllin, Powys. **Permission refused**

#### LINKED CASE

- Listed Building Consent appeal for proposed internal alterations to form two flats and art gallery, creation of new window and alteration to existing external door at Manor House, Vine Square, Llanfyllin, linked to the planning appeal by Mrs R E Davies. **Permission refused**

## 5 Review of planning decision procedures

5.1 Following feedback from members, the committee asked the Minister to review the planning decision process to introduce greater flexibility and make it possible for decisions to be taken in a reasonable time-scale. In the spring term, following consultation with party groups, the committee

agreed to proposals that would revise the pool of members eligible to sit on Planning Decision Committees. The Minister for Environment will shortly submit proposed revisions to Standing Orders to the Business Committee.

## **Environment, Planning and Transport Committee**

**May 2001**

**ANNEX A**

### **ENVIRONMENT, PLANNING & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**

#### **STRATEGIC FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME MAY 2001-DECEMBER 2002**

##### **Introduction**

1. The Environment, Planning and Transport Committee is one of the National Assembly's seven subject committees. The Committee's remit is based on the portfolio of the Minister for Environment, Sue Essex, which embraces: sustainable development; environmental policy, including countryside issues; the National Parks Authorities; planning; transport and highways; and Cadw (ancient monuments and listed and historic buildings).

##### **Duties of the Committee**

2. The responsibilities of the subject committees are set out in Standing Orders, as reproduced at **Appendix 1**.

3. Standing order 9.9 requires subject committees to maintain a rolling programme of work covering periods of at least 12 months, and to consult other committees and the Assembly Cabinet on the programme before notifying plenary.

4. The Panel of Chairs has agreed that committees' work programmes should be strategic and cover an 18 month to 2 year time frame, supported by more detailed work programmes covering a three month period.

##### **Aims and objectives**

5. With such a broad remit, the committee will focus on those areas of policy development where they can make the greatest impact. The committee will also seek to contribute to the achievement of the aims and objectives set out in *Better Wales*, the Assembly's strategic plan. In particular the committee will focus on areas that will: 'build a better, stronger economy' and 'a better quality of life'

and the three main themes of inclusivity, equality and sustainable development, which is within the committee's portfolio.

## Priorities

6. The Committee will be seeking to develop a strategic approach to its work, focusing until the end of 2001 on two key priorities:

- **Independent investigation into the Nantygwyddon landfill site** – a forward looking investigation, seeking to identify lessons for the future, both in relation to the site and in relation to waste management issues more generally. The committee expects to receive a final report from the independent investigator by early autumn 2001, and report its own recommendations to plenary by the end of the autumn term;
- **Policy review of public transport in Wales** - considering ways of improving public transport provision in Wales. The review will identify: short term changes within the existing statutory, regulatory and organisational framework, which would facilitate the delivery and take-up of improved and integrated services;  longer-term changes to the statutory, regulatory and organisational framework relating to public transport would facilitate the delivery of improved services. The committee plans to issue a draft report for public consultation by the end of the summer term 2001 and submit the final report to plenary by the end of the autumn term.

**Priorities for 2002, such as potential policy reviews, will be considered and finalised in the autumn term.** These are likely to focus on issues emerging from the developing Waste Strategy and Sustainable Development Action Plan, and will seek to complement, rather than duplicate policies being developed by the Minister.

7. Chapter 4 of "Better Wales" sets out a number of issues for early action by the Assembly. The Committee will play a major role in progressing these, in particular:

- 'Stimulate development that conserves natural resources and respects the environment' – the Committee will contribute to the ongoing development of the National Assembly's Sustainable Development Action Plan, and monitor performance against sustainability targets;
- 'Achieve high standards in the management of our environment' – the Committee will monitor the work of the Environment Agency, Countryside Council for Wales and Welsh National Park Authorities;
- 'Develop a better co-ordinated and sustainable transport system to support local communities and the creation of a prosperous economy' – the Committee will complete its policy review of public transport in Wales and make recommendations to the Environment Minister;
- 'Extend access to and awareness of the Welsh language, our culture, heritage and sporting

opportunities' – the Committee will keep these considerations in mind in its own proceedings and in the direction and monitoring of Cadw: Welsh Historic Monuments.

## **Other issues**

8. Other items of committee business will include:

- regular performance reviews of the Assembly Sponsored Public Bodies (ASPBs) that fall under its remit (SO 9.7(iii) – see above);
- consideration of proposed legislation affecting Wales, as appropriate (SO 9.8(i) and 22);
- consideration of proposals for the Assembly's budget (SO 9.8(ii));
- complaints procedures (SO 9.8(iii) and 21);
- public appointments (SO 9.8(iv) and 20);
- other matters referred by the Assembly (SO 9.8 (v));
- scrutiny of the Assembly Secretary (SO 9.11).

9. A detailed work programme for the period May-December 2001 is attached (Annex B).

## **Committee Secretariat**

**May 2001**

## **APPENDIX 1**

### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF SUBJECT COMMITTEES**

1. Standing orders 9.7 and 9.8 set out the responsibilities of subject committees.

"9.7 Each subject committee shall

- i. contribute to the development of the Assembly's policies within the fields for which the relevant Assembly Secretary is accountable to the Assembly;
- ii. keep under review the expenditure and administration connected with their implementation; and
- iii. keep under review the discharge of public functions in those fields by public, voluntary and private bodies.

"9.8 Each subject committee shall also, within the relevant fields,

- i. advise on proposed legislation affecting Wales, including performing its functions under standing order 22;

- ii. provide advice to the Assembly Cabinet on matters relating to allocation of the Assembly's budget in accordance with standing order 19;
- iii. perform its function under standing order 21 (complaints);
- iv. perform any functions assigned to it under the Code of Practice on Public Appointments Procedure made by the Assembly under standing order 20; and
- v. consider matters referred to it by the Assembly within its fields."

**ANNEX B**

**ENVIRONMENT, PLANNING AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**

**DETAILED FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME - SUMMER & AUTUMN TERMS 2001**

Meeting	Item No.	Agenda Items
<p>Wednesday 9 May</p> <p>2.00 - 5.00 pm</p>	<p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>3</p> <p>4</p> <p>5</p> <p>6</p> <p>7</p> <p>8</p>	<p>Apologies and substitutions</p> <p>Nantygwyddon investigation: progress report from investigator</p> <p>Report from Minister for Environment (to include Bristol Channel Marine Aggregates Policy Framework - draft for public consultation)</p> <p>Policy review: Committee discussion (vision and quality standards)</p> <p>Rapporteurs report back on visits to Sheffield and Frankfurt</p> <p>Environment Agency FMPR – emerging issues</p> <p>Minutes of the last meetings</p> <p>(For ratification) Final Strategic FWP and SO 9.9 report</p>

<p>Wednesday 23 May</p> <p>2.00 - 5.00 pm</p>	<p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>3</p> <p>4</p> <p>5</p>	<p>Apologies and substitutions</p> <p>Report from Minister for Environment</p> <p>National Parks - direct elections</p> <p>Policy review: presentation and discussion (existing organisational arrangements)</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting</p>
<p><b>Recess: 28 May to 2 June</b></p>		
<p>Wednesday 13 June</p> <p>2.00 - 5.00 pm</p>	<p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>3</p> <p>4</p> <p>5</p>	<p>Apologies and substitutions</p> <p>Report from Minister for Environment</p> <p>Policy review: Committee discussion (alternative organisational arrangements)</p> <p>Discussion of budget priorities</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting</p>
<p>Thursday 21 June</p> <p>2.00 – 5.00 pm</p> <p>Slot for informal business or, with Business Committee approval, a formal meeting</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>[ASPBs –session around themes in bids/draft Corporate Plans]</p>

<p>Wednesday 27 June</p> <p>2.00 - 5.00 pm</p>	<p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>3</p> <p>4</p> <p>5</p> <p>6</p>	<p>Apologies and substitutions</p> <p>Nantygwyddon investigation: progress report from investigator</p> <p>[Report from Minister for Environment – if time available]</p> <p>Policy review: Committee consideration of draft report and recommendations</p> <p>Transport Framework</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting</p>
<p>Wednesday 11 July</p> <p>2.00 - 5.00 pm</p> <p>Meeting in Brecon</p>	<p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>3</p> <p>4</p> <p>5</p> <p>6</p>	<p>Apologies and substitutions</p> <p>Report from Minister for Environment</p> <p>[Quinquennial review of CCW – draft final report]</p> <p>Draft Waste Strategy</p> <p>[Discussion of budget priorities – if needed]</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting</p>
<p><b>Summer recess: 23 July – 12 October</b></p>		
<p>Wednesday 17 October</p> <p>2.00 - 5.00 pm</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Nantygwyddon investigation: final report from independent investigator</p>

<p>Wednesday 31 October</p> <p>2.00 - 5.00 pm</p>	<p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>3</p> <p>4</p>	<p>Apologies and substitutions</p> <p>Report from Minister for Environment</p> <p>[Policy review: consideration of responses to draft report and recommendations]</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting</p>
<p>Thursday 8 November</p> <p>2.00 - 5.00 pm</p> <p>Slot for informal business or, with Business Committee approval, a formal meeting</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Nantygwyddon investigation: committee consideration of recommendations to plenary</p>
<p>Wednesday 14 November</p> <p>2.00 - 5.00 pm</p>	<p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>3</p> <p>4</p> <p>5</p> <p>6</p>	<p>Apologies and substitutions</p> <p>Report from Minister for Environment</p> <p>Cadw – mid term report</p> <p>[Consideration of draft budget]</p> <p>Final draft 'Planning Policy Wales'</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting</p>



<p>Wednesday 28 November</p> <p>2.00 - 5.00 pm</p>	<p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>3</p> <p>4</p> <p>5</p>	<p>Apologies and substitutions</p> <p>Report from Minister for Environment</p> <p>[Policy review: consideration of final draft report and recommendations]</p> <p>Biodiversity (particularly issues arising from the Millennium Biodiversity Report)</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting</p>
<p>Wednesday 12 December</p> <p>2.00 - 5.00 pm</p>	<p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>3</p> <p>4</p>	<p>Apologies and substitutions</p> <p>Report from Minister for Environment</p> <p>[ASPBs – annual scrutiny session]</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting</p>
<p>Christmas recess: 17 December 2001 - 6 January 2002</p>		

**Items to be included at appropriate time:**

1. PINS Quinquennial Review - progress reports
2. SRA presentation – strategic plan (autumn 2001)
3. Sustainable Development - National Assembly's Annual Report (autumn 2001)
4. National Parks - Direct Elections (November 2001)
5. CROW regulations (summer and autumn 2001)
6. Road Safety (autumn 2001)

**Committee Secretariat**

**May 2001**