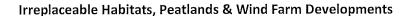
Bilateral Meeting Between the Deputy First Minister & Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change & Rural Affairs and Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy & Planning





Official Minutes Tuesday 11 February 2022 at 16:00 by Teams

In Attendance

Attendee	Ref.	Position	Present
		· 	for Item
Huw Irranca-Davies MS DFM		Deputy First Minister & Cabinet Secretary for Climate	All
•		Change & Rural Affairs (Chair)	
Rebecca Evans MS	CSEEP	Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy & Planning	All
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		Special Advisor - Economy, Energy & Planning	All
	7 6	Special Advisor - Climate Change and Rural Affairs	All
A		Senior Private Secretary - Economy, Energy and Planning	All
		Private Secretary - Climate Change and Rural Affairs	All
		Peatland, Soil & Agricultural Land Use Planning	All

Meeting starts 15:58

1.	INTRODUCTION	1

DFM opened the meeting and welcomed those present before confirming receipt of the joint briefing (10 Feb) and summarising the issues for discussion.

2. STEPWISE

and Confirmed the stepwise approach which should be taken under current policy, as set out in Chapter 6 of Planning Policy Wales Edition 12. For ovided examples of using stepwise in practice.

3. OPTIONS

NM explained the options available to ministers as detailed within the joint briefing.

- Option B is being applied in practice.
- Option A is the current planning policy position, but with a package of support and additional actions to provide clarity to developers and help them bring applications forward which are in line with the current policy.
- Option C would be to change the planning policy position, but would involve accepting some loss of peatland resources.

and highlighted, without prejudice to any future planning decision, refusal of some applications may be necessary under Option A to ensure policy application.

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Irreplaceable Habitats, Peatlands & Wind Farm Developments

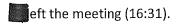
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priefly highlighted the potential energy generation implications and the wider need for clarity for stakeholders.

The DFM confirmed the need to resolve matters when considering the wider and long-term implications of decisions and agreed the need for clarity was essential.

CSEEP, araised the role of guidance for the sector and for PEDW in making decisions.

CSEEP & DFM confirmed the need to seek agreement with the First Minister.



4. POINTS AGREED & ACTIONS

RJC summarised the points for agreement, without prejudice to any future planning decision, confirming:

- Option B was not considered viable.
- Option A should be explored in more detail as an immediate next step, including:
 - i. Further review of wind farm scheme pipeline. To provide the DFM & CSEEP a chronological summary of wind farm schemes; the likely date at which they will come forward for a decision; the energy generation contribution of each proposal; the peat implications; and likely view on compliance with planning policy / ability vary the proposal to remove impacts.
 - ii. CSEEP & DFM to review pipeline briefing (i) and seek agreement on the approach to be taken with the First Minister before meeting again to confirm the long-term approach.

Meeting ended 16:44