

NRW/Welsh Government Transition Planning Meeting notes

Attendees

██████████ (MS) - National Resources Wales

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██████████████ (BC) – Welsh Government

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Conclusion of Defra workshops

- These meetings originally served as preparation sessions for Defra's workshops. It was agreed that now that these workshops have concluded these meetings would be reframed as check-in sessions to update on progress made on IWC work.
- Defra's appointed consultants may run further workshops. It was agreed it would be useful for NRW and WG to attend these workshops to better understand the pathway England are undertaking which will aid cross border co-operation.
- ACTION-MS to verify whether these workshops are occurring and circulate invitations if they are.

Transition Plan

- A draft transition plan may be shared before Christmas. If it is it will not be the finalised version and will contain significant caveats.
- ACTION- NRW to return comments on draft transition plan by COP 5 December 2025.

UKG White Paper and WG Green Paper

- Defra are to confirm publication date for their White Paper. 19 December 2025 is the anticipated date.
- WG are compiling questions for their Green Paper. There is a limit to the number of questions on a consultation questionnaire. WG will share these questions with NRW as soon as possible to allow them to start drafting responses.
- An in-person workshop will be held in February 2026 to discuss the Green Paper. The Transition Plan should be finished and the SPS published by then.
- ACTION-WG to share consultation questions with NRW.