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Senedd Cymru | Welsh Parliament

Pwyllgor Newid Hinsawdd, yr Amgylchedd a Seilwaith | Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee

Adolygiad o flaenoriaethau'r Pwyllgor ar gyfer y Chweched Senedd | Review of the Committee's priorities for the Sixth Senedd

Ymateb gan Unigolyn | Evidence from Individual

Your views

1. What are your views on the Committee's three strategic priorities: Climate Change; Sustainable Communities; and Protecting and enhancing the natural environment?

They are interconnected and almost same thing, can't have one without the other two.

2. To what extent are the Committee's three strategic priorities still relevant, reflecting on social, economic and environmental developments since they were set at the start of the Sixth Senedd?

They are relevant but focus and need to understand the systems for change behind them. We also need greater leadership role from Welsh Government, in flood risk management working across departments and funding mechanisms. Wales urgently needs to start creating resilience to climate change in Wales, to protect and enhance natural environment and enable sustainable communities.

3. What are your view on the Committee's detailed priorities/outline programme of work for Years 3 to 5 of the Sixth Senedd (set out in its report, Priorities for the Sixth Senedd?)

Wales needs a replacement version of the flood risk regulations (England and Wales) 2009 recently revoked by UK government. The replacement regulations should be Wales specific and replicate Flood Risk Regulations Scotland (2009) act. The intention of regulations from 2007 EU floods directive was to improve awareness of flood risk analysis of hazard and impact, avoid duplication and aid

collaboration. Scotland regs include important duties and clarification of roles. British Red Cross report 2022 highlights 2/3 of population in Wales in high flood risk areas are socially deprived and unaware of flood risk. RCT scores highest by Local Authority in the UK. Collaborate action and WG leadership on flood risk management is required to deliver action. To enable communities, and reduce impacts.

4. To what extent are the Committee's detailed priorities/outline programme of work still relevant, reflecting on social, economic and environmental developments since they were set at the start of the Sixth Senedd?

See above.

5. Are there any other matters related to the Committee's priorities/work programme/ways of working that you would like to comment on?

See above.

6. Other information

Welsh Government in Scotland is launching a flood resilience strategy in collaboration with others. Officials from across departments in Welsh Government, Welsh Local Government Association and Natural Resources Wales need to be a part of this conversation as practitioners in flood risk management.

Future Wales strategic development plan needs to be revised with latest CCRA3 Wales summary and flood risk evidence.
