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These proceedings are reported in the language in which they were spoken in the committee.
In addition, an English translation of Welsh speeches is included.

Aelodau'r pwyllgor yn bresennol
Committee members in attendance

Mohammad Asghar	Plaid Cymru The Party of Wales
Eleanor Burnham	Democratiaid Rhyddfrydol Cymru Welsh Liberal Democrats
Rosemary Butler	Llafur (Cadeirydd y Pwyllgor) Labour (Committee Chair)
Ann Jones	Llafur Labour
Huw Lewis	Llafur Labour
Nick Ramsay	Ceidwadwyr Cymreig Welsh Conservatives

Swyddogion Gwasanaeth Seneddol y Cynulliad yn bresennol
Assembly Parliamentary Service officials in attendance

Claire Griffiths	Dirprwy Glerc Deputy Clerk
Victoria Paris	Gwasanaeth Ymchwil yr Aelodau Members' Research Service
Bethan Roberts	Cynghorydd Cyfreithiol Legal Adviser
Liz Wilkinson	Clerc Clerk

Dechreuodd y cyfarfod am 9.59 a.m.
The meeting began at 9.59 a.m.

Cyflwyniad, Ymddiheuriadau a Dirprwyon
Introduction, Apologies and Substitutions

Rosemary Butler: Welcome to this meeting of Legislation Committee No. 1. I need to remind you, as usual, that we operate bilingually so, if anyone wishes to speak in Welsh, there is a simultaneous translation into English. The headphones are useful for amplification, if people cannot hear what is being said. I remind you to turn off your mobile phones, BlackBerrys or any other electronic devices that you may have, because they interfere with the recording equipment. I also remind you that you do not have to touch the microphones, which turn on automatically when you wish to speak.

10.00 a.m.

Y Mesur Arfaethedig ynghylch Caeau Chwarae (Ymgysylltiad Cymunedau â Phenderfyniadau Gwaredu) (Cymru)
The Proposed Shipment of Waste for Recovery (Community Involvement in Arrangements) (Wales) Measure

Rosemary Butler: This morning, we are here to look at an approach to scrutinising Nerys Evans's Proposed Shipment of Waste for Recovery (Community Involvement in Arrangements) (Wales) Measure. I will just go through the formal procedure. We have dealt with one of these pieces of legislation before, but I need to remind Members how we do that. This is the second piece of Member proposed legislation that we have dealt with. It was

introduced by Nerys Evans in the Assembly in November 2008 and was subsequently referred by the Business Committee to this committee for Stage 1 scrutiny. We need to report no later than 30 November 2009.

The purpose of the proposed Measure, as set out in the accompanying explanatory memorandum, which you have all received, is to

‘engender greater transparency and openness in the way that Welsh local authorities deal with recyclate’.

In particular, it would require local authorities to make publicly available information about the proportion of the recyclate collected from households that is processed outside the European community and the European free trade area. The explanatory memorandum states that the intention is that, as a result of this information, residents will encourage local authorities to use recycling facilities that are closer to the source of the recyclate. It goes on to suggest that the publication of information may lead to increased interest and participation in recycling.

The purpose of our meeting is to agree our approach to scrutiny of this proposed Measure at Stage 1. Paper 1 sets out some recommendations for your approval. We need to consider the need for an Assembly Measure in relation to community involvement in local authorities’ arrangements for dealing with recyclate. We need to look at the key provisions set out in the proposed Measure, and whether they achieve their purpose. We have to look at the practical and financial implications of implementing the key provisions, and whether the proposed Measure achieves its overall purpose and aim.

Are you content with the recommendations in the framework paper, particularly in paragraph 10? I see that you are. Paragraphs 11 and 30 also suggest how we can gather evidence, because we need a lot of evidence to make our decision. We have to look at the general call for evidence, which will be notified to the Welsh media and published on the Assembly’s website. I suggest that we invite written submissions from key stakeholders. There is a list of consultees at annex 3. We can consider at a later date which witnesses to call—they will obviously include Nerys Evans, and possibly the Minister—to give oral evidence at the appropriate time.

The list of consultees is quite long. Does anyone have any suggestions for names that we could add to it? If you do not have suggestions this morning, you can let the clerks know at a later date. Ann, I believe that you have a suggestion.

Ann Jones: Yes. I have had a look through the list. There is a waste collector used by local authorities in the north Wales area called Thorncliffe Waste Management—I wondered whether we might include that company in the list of invitees. Another one that I have just thought of is Crest Co-operative, which is a not-for-profit organisation, like a mutual social enterprise, that collects and recycles waste materials. It also has some contracts with local authorities, and it may be interesting to hear from it about what it does with waste that it cannot recycle, and how it transports it. So I would add those two organisations from north Wales, if possible.

Eleanor Burnham: I suggest acquiring a list from the Welsh Local Government Association, or the local authorities themselves, of private companies that deal with waste within the local authority areas. They will have had to get planning permission, and therefore the councils will know who they are.

Rosemary Butler: We can certainly take that on board. Does anyone else have any suggestions? We need to look at recycling companies across Wales; there are some very good

ones that I do not see on the list. In my own constituency there is Newport Wastesavers, which is a fantastic charity. It recycles, but it also has to dispose of waste. So I suggest that we also include those.

Nick Ramsay: Chair, each of us will know of organisations and companies in our areas. I think that it will be a case of us feeding that information in before the next meeting. However, the current list is quite comprehensive.

Rosemary Butler: It is extremely comprehensive. I ask you to do that after the meeting and not to wait until the next meeting, because we need to agree the format of a letter that I have to sign and send out. The sooner we send it out, the sooner we can start evaluating the responses. So that would be helpful, if anyone has any suggestions.

Are you generally happy with the format that we have followed previously, which we have discussed this morning? I see that you are. I have to agree and sign a letter. Are you happy for me to agree the format with the clerk, sign it and send it out? I see that you are. That is very helpful. Thank you very much. That is all we have to do this morning, so I now close the meeting. We will give you formal notice of the date of the next meeting.

*Daeth y cyfarfod i ben am 10.06 a.m.
The meeting ended at 10.06 a.m.*