

Dyddiad: 12 Ebrill 2000

Amser: 9.15am tan 12.20pm

Lleoliad: Ystafell Bwyllgora, Adeilad y Cynulliad Cenedlaethol

Y FLAEN-RAGLEN WAITH

Diben

Gofyn i'r Aelodau gytuno ar y Rhaglen Waith Strategol.

Cefndir

Yn ôl Rheol Sefydlog 9.9, mae'n ofynnol i bob pwyllgor pwnc gynnal rhaglen waith dreigl sy'n cwmpasu cyfnod o 12 mis o leiaf. Mae'n cynnwys gofyniad i ymgynghori ar y rhaglen â Phwyllgorau eraill a'r Cabinet cyn ei chyflwyno gerbron y Cyfarfod Llawn. Er mwyn cyflawni'r gofyniad hwn, dylai pob pwyllgor pwnc gytuno ar Raglen Waith Strategol ar gyfer cyfnod o rhwng 18 mis a 2 flynedd.

Bydd blaen-raglen waith fanwl sy'n cynnwys tymor nesaf y Cynulliad Cenedlaethol yn cefnogi'r Rhaglen Waith Strategol.

Y Rhaglen Waith Strategol

Yn **Atodiad A** cynhwysir Rhaglen Waith Strategol ddrafft i'r Pwyllgor ei hystyried a chytuno arni. Mae'n adlewyrchu'r rheolau sefydlog ac yn cynnwys deunydd o ddogfen strategol ddrafft y Cynulliad Cenedlaethol 'Gwell Cymru'.

Bydd y Rhaglen Waith Strategol y cytunwyd arni yn cael ei dosbarthu i'r pwyllgorau pwnc eraill a'i hanfon at yr Ysgrifennydd Cynulliad er mwyn ei chyflwyno i'r Cabinet. Ar ôl derbyn yr holl sylwadau wedi'u derbyn, bydd rhaglen waith strategol diwygiedig yn cael ei chynhyrchu, ac wedi i'r Pwyllgor gytuno arni, cyflwynir y Rhaglen Waith Strategol derfynol gerbron y Cyfarfod Llawn.

Drafft yw hwn ac ni fydd yn cael ei gyfieithu hyd nes y bydd wedi cael ei gwblhau.

Duties of the Committee

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 SO22;
- 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."

Standing Order 9.9 requires the subject committee to maintain a rolling programme of work covering periods of at least 12 months identifying 'topics or matters within the committee's remit which are for detailed consideration.'

The Committee's aims and objectives

The Committee will seek to contribute to the achievement of the aims and objectives set out in *Better Wales*, the Assembly's strategic plan. In particular, 'to build a better, stronger economy'.

The statutory schemes

The Committee will take account of the National Assembly's statutory schemes. It has a particular responsibility to lead on the Sustainable Development Scheme.

The Committee's priorities

Better Wales sets out a number of issues for action in the Assembly. The Committee will play a role in progressing the actions identified in chapter 5, *A better, stronger economy*, in particular, the promotion of a sustainable future for agriculture within a modern rural economy;

The Committee can contribute in the following ways:

- to develop a modern, diverse rural economy and sustainable family farms through a review of policies to promote a stronger and more diverse rural economy;
- to promote a sustainable future for agriculture by contributing to a document setting out a long-term direction for the future of farming in Wales, and the steps the Assembly will take to help the industry move in that direction;
- to encourage young, innovative farmers into the industry by considering the results of the study into new entrants and recommending further action;
- to promote the economic, social and environmental potential of forestry by contributing to the Wales Woodland Strategy;
- to ensure that full use is made of European funds in rural areas by monitoring the implementation and effectiveness of the Structural Fund Programmes and the Rural Development Plan;
- to improve the link between agriculture and the market by regular monitoring of the work of the agri-food partnership;
- to ensure that sustainable development is at the heart of the Assembly's work by championing the Sustainable Development Scheme and monitoring its implementation;
- to improve the administration of services provided by the Assembly to farming and rural communities by contributing to the development of an independent appeals procedure and by considering action taken in response to reports from the Ombudsman.

Other issues

In addition the Committee will need to:

- consider proposals for the Assembly's budget (Standing Order 9.8 (ii));
- consider secondary legislation as appropriate (Standing Order 9.8 (i) / 22)
- receive (at least monthly) reports from the Assembly Secretary;
- review cross cutting issues such as equal opportunities and sustainable development.