

## ROCP 45, CIWM Cymru

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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

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## 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?**

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Wales has placed significant focus on resources and waste management in recent years, achieving an impressive international standing. CIWM Cymru suggests this must continue. There is a clear connectivity between resources & waste management and climate change included within the underlying policy documents, however, CIWM Cymru would welcome an increased emphasis placed on this connection within the climate change 'priority'.

### **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?**

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CIWM Cymru supports these strategies, noting our comment to Question 1 regarding emphasising the link between resources & waste management and climate change.

### **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?)**

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CIWM Cymru welcomes a review of the Welsh Government's circular economy strategy, Beyond Recycling. Building on the achievements and setting out the next steps is paramount to continued success.

Regarding the 'digital strategy for Wales' – the resources and waste sector is undergoing its own digital reform which must be strengthened within this

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strategy (noting the move to digital waste tracking specifically). There is a skills-gap within the resources and waste sector that will inhibit a smooth transition towards increased use of technology within the resources and waste sectors processes. Therefore, CIWM Cymru welcomes inclusion of improving digital skills within the strategy.

**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?**

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CIWM Cymru believes the programme of work is very relevant, the resources and waste sector were paramount to managing the impact of Covid and are now evolving under the circular economy policies and thinking that Governments have set out.

Adjustment takes time and maintaining a long-term view is essential for practices to adapt and change.

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

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No response.

**6. Other information**

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No response.

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