

## Policy Forum for Wales Keynote Seminar: The way forward for sustainability in Wales

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2012

Venue: Bardd Suite, Cardiff Marriot Hotel, Mill Lane, Cardiff CF10 1EZ



Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chairman's opening remarks**  
**Russell George AM**, Shadow Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development
- 9.05 - 9.35 **A sustainable future for Wales**  
**Peter Davies**, Wales' Commissioner for Sustainable Futures  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 10.20 **Perspectives on the Sustainable Development Bill**  
*Perspectives from key stakeholders on the key issues for the Sustainable Development Bill, due for publication in early 2013, including the definition of sustainable development, the impact on both public and private sector and how to ensure compliance with the Bill.*  
**Jeff Brown**, Sustainability and Climate Change Lead, Wales and West Region, PwC  
**Jane Davidson**, Director, INSPIRE, University of Wales, Trinity Saint David  
**Tanya Nash**, Sustainable Development Team Leader, City and County of Swansea  
**Angela Davies-Jones**, Solicitor and Director, Milwyn Jenkins & Jenkins  
**Chris Sutton**, Lead Director - Cardiff, Jones Lang LaSalle  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 - 11.00 **Next steps for the Sustainable Development Charter**  
*Has the Sustainable Development Charter been effective in improving sustainable practice by businesses in Wales? How can the sharing of best practice amongst organisations be improved? Should the Welsh Government provide incentives for smaller organisations to sign the Charter and commit to more sustainable practices? Should the Charter outline more specific commitments, such as targets for reducing carbon emissions or waste?*  
**David Fitzpatrick**, Chief Executive, Cynnal Cymru  
**Mike Batt**, Manager, Carbon Trust Wales  
**Anne Meikle**, Head, WWF Cymru  
**Jonathon Poyner**, Director, Venue Operations Directorate, Wales Millennium Centre  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 - 11.05 **Chairman's closing remarks**  
**Russell George AM**, Shadow Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development
- 11.05 - 11.30 Coffee
- 11.30 - 11.35 **Chairman's opening remarks**  
**Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM**, Plaid Cymru Assembly Commission Member
- 11.35 - 12.25 **Sustainability in Wales beyond the Bill - the next steps for planning, energy and a single environment body**  
*Do current Welsh Government policy proposals for environment, planning and housing constitute a cohesive and effective overarching plan for sustainability in Wales? How can moves towards greater sustainability in development and working practices be balanced with the need to support growth in the private sector? Will 'Natural Resources Wales', due to start work in April 2013, and combining the functions of the Environment Agency in Wales, the Forestry Commission for Wales and the Countryside Council for Wales, effectively hold the Welsh Government to account for policy affecting each of these areas? What should be the focus of the Planning White Paper, due to be published in 2013? What changes, if any, are required to the current planning system to support sustainable development? Has the Arbed scheme, to make homes more energy efficient, been a success so far and what should be the future focus for the scheme? What role could community small-scale renewable energy projects play in reducing carbon emissions and tackling fuel poverty in Wales? What is the wider potential for renewable energy in Wales? Should control of energy policy for projects producing up to 100MW be devolved from Westminster, and if so, is 100MW sufficient?*  
**Gareth Clubb**, Director, Friends of the Earth Cymru  
**Peter Quinn**, Manager, Environment Policy and Strategy, Tata Steel Europe  
**John Moore**, Managing Director, Windcrop  
**Sioned Hughes**, Director of Policy and Regeneration, Community Housing Cymru Group  
**Vicki Hirst**, Head of Development Management, Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority and Vice Chair, Planning Officers Society Wales  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 - 12.55 **Next steps for a Sustainable Wales**  
**John Griffiths AM**, Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development, Welsh Government  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chairman's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**  
**Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM**, Plaid Cymru Assembly Commission Member  
**Jonny Roberts**, Senior Producer, Policy Forum for Wales