

**Policy Forum for Wales keynote seminar:  
Priorities for water management and policy in Wales**

*Timing: Morning, Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024*

**\*\*\*Taking Place Online\*\*\***



*Agenda subject to change*

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Robin Millar MP**
- 9.05 **Outlining the current regulatory and policy priorities for water quality in Wales**  
**Clare Fernandes**, Deputy Director of Water, Flood and Coal Tip Safety, Welsh Government  
**Nadia De Longhi**, Head of Regulation and Permitting, Natural Resources Wales  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.40 **Stakeholder perspectives on the current state of water quality and management in Wales**  
*managing pollution and tracking sewage discharge incidents | priorities for protecting the natural environment | options for driving collaboration | prioritising localised and nature-based approaches to water quality management*  
**Rachel Lewis-Davies**, National Environment and Land Use Advisor, National Farmers Union Cymru  
**Rachel Sharp**, Director, Wildlife Trusts Wales  
**Jason Rogers**, Head of Water Quality and Environment, Severn Trent Water  
**Councillor Catrin Maby**, Cabinet Member, Climate Change and the Environment, Monmouthshire County Council  
**Nia Thomas**, Place Co-ordinator, Usk Catchment, Bannau Brycheiniog National Park Authority  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Robin Millar MP**
- 10.45 Break
- 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Cefin Campbell MS**
- 11.00 **Industry priorities for ensuring cleaner and safer waterways**  
*reducing instances of water pollution | providing a quality service for customers*  
**Tony Harrington**, Director of Environment, Dwr Cymru Welsh Water  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.20 **'Achieving the best outcome for both the Welsh environment and the consumer'**  
**Mike Keil**, Chief Executive, Consumer Council for Water
- 11.35 **Maintaining a healthy and sustainable water resource that will benefit future generations**  
*assessing the action plan for SAC river management in Wales | economically and environmentally sustainable water management | housing and energy sector priorities | assessing the potential for water resource use*  
**Gail Davies-Walsh**, Chief Executive Officer, Afonydd Cymru  
**Barrie Davies**, Director, Asbri Planning  
**Stephen Sykes**, Head of Environmental, Climate and Sustainability Law and Commercial Property, Capital Law  
**Kate Gilmartin**, Chief Executive Officer, British Hydropower Association
- 12.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **'Addressing the evolving pressures on water and water quality in Wales'**  
**Steve Ormerod**, Professor of Ecology and Co-Director, Water Research Institute, Cardiff University  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**  
**Cefin Campbell MS**  
**Tiernan Phipps**, Policy Forum for Wales