

## **ENVIRONMENT, PLANNING AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**

**Date:** Tuesday 12 February 2002  
**Time:** 9.15 to 10.30 am  
**Venue:** Committee Rooms 3 & 4, National Assembly Building

### **NANTYGWYDDON INVESTIGATION: CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT MOTION**

#### **Purpose**

1. To invite the Committee to consider the draft text of the plenary motion on the Committee's report.

#### **Background**

2. At today's meeting the Committee will be considering the text of its report to plenary. At the last meeting on 6 February, Members asked that the Committee consider the draft text of the plenary motion on the Committee's report.

#### **Motions on Committee reports**

3. Motions proposing debates on subject committee reports are tabled by the Minister for Assembly Business and, in line with Standing Order 6.5, may not be amended. The adopted procedure is that motions proposing debates on subject committee reports invite the National Assembly to 'take note' of the report, with the relevant Minister reporting back at a later date (see extract of Business Committee minutes at Annex A).

#### **Draft motion**

4. A suggested draft text for the plenary motion on the Committee's report, proposed by the Minister for Assembly Business, is as follows. The Minister for Environment has agreed to respond to the Committee's report as part of the debate, and follow up with a statement at a later date outlining actions proposed in response to the Committee's recommendations.

*The National Assembly expresses its gratitude to the Environment, Planning and Transport Committee for undertaking the investigation into the Nantygwyddon*

*landfill site, and notes the recommendations of the Committee contained in the report laid in the Table Office on 18 February.*

5. Any proposed changes to the text of the draft motion would need to be agreed with the Minister for Assembly Business.

### **Next steps**

6. The Committee's report is scheduled for presentation to plenary on 26 February, and the motion must be tabled on 19 February.

### **Recommendation**

7. The Committee is invited to consider the text of the draft motion.

### **Committee Secretariat**

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**ANNEX A**

### **EXTRACT FROM BUSINESS COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**13 February 2001 (BC55-01)**

#### **3. Matters arising**

**BC39-01**

**3.3 Paragraph 3.2** - The Minister for Assembly Business said that he had discussed paper BC29-01 about debates on subject committee reports with the Cabinet. The Cabinet was content with the situation as it stood at the moment, with the Assembly considering a "take note" motion on a committee report. However, since there was no formal mechanism for responding to committee reports, the Cabinet would respond by making a Plenary Statement at a later date. William Graham and Jocelyn Davies were disappointed that the Cabinet would not be responding with a debate on an amendable motion. However, it was agreed to see how the Cabinet's proposals worked in practice and to reconsider the matter in Business

Committee if necessary.