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### Nature Fund

On 16 June we sent out [information on how to apply for the £6m Nature Fund](#). This document aims to help all interested parties develop proposals to be submitted to the Nature Fund. It builds on the Written Statement made by Alun Davies, Minister for Natural Resources and Food on 14 May 2014, and explains what you need to include in your proposals.

We will be holding a series of events to provide an opportunity for organisations and individuals to come together to explore potential collaborative working in the seven Nature Action Zones to then develop proposals to submit to the Nature Fund. The events will also provide you with an opportunity to speak to us directly about your proposals and to ask us any questions you may have in relation to the Fund.

Seven all day events have now been arranged for the following Nature Action Zones and details are as follows:-

- South Wales Valleys - **Wednesday 25 June** at Green Meadow Community Farm, Greenforge Way, Cwmbran, Torfaen, NP44 5AJ.
- Brecon Beacons – **Thursday 3 July** at St Mary's Priory Centre, The Tithe Barn, Monk Street, Abergavenny, NP7 5ND. (Limited availability)
- Pembrokeshire Coast – **Thursday 10 July** at the Masonic Hall, Hamilton Terrace, Milford Haven, Dyfed, SA73 3JN. (Limited availability)
- Cambrian Mountains – **Monday 14 July** at the Rhayader Leisure Centre, North Street, Rhayader, Powys, LD6 5BU
- Berwyn and Migneint – **Thursday 17 July** at Swyddfa'r Urdd, Gwersyll Glan-Ilyn, Llanuwchllyn, Bala, Gwynedd LL23 7ST
- Llyn Peninsula – **Wednesday 30 July** at Nant Gwrtheyrn, Llithfaen, Pwllheli, Gwynedd, LL53 6NL
- Conwy Valley – **Thursday 31 July** at Glasdir, Pen yn Dre, Llanrwst, North Wales, LL26 0DF

## How to attend

If you would like to book a place on an event arranged so far please e-mail [naturalresourcemanagement@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:naturalresourcemanagement@wales.gsi.gov.uk) by **Wednesday 2 July** and specify:

- which event you would like to attend;
- your language preference;
- any dietary requirements.

More information on the Nature Fund is available in our FAQs: [Nature Fund](#)

## Other areas of interest

### Renewable Energy is Delivering for Wales

A new report has been published which gathered information on all the low carbon energy projects operating in Wales at the end of 2012.

The report shows that by the end of 2012 there were over 36,000 renewable energy projects in Wales, generating an estimated 2719 Giga Watt hours of electricity. These renewables, combined with the low carbon electricity supplied from nuclear in Wales, together delivered an annual estimated saving of over 2.4m tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions when compared to electricity generated from fossil fuels.

The report also shows that by the end of 2012 the generation potential from all low carbon projects reached almost 5.5Tera Watt hours, providing the equivalent of 35% of Wales' national electricity consumption and 1% of its gas consumption.

The report breaks progress down to local authority level and will make it much easier to measure Wales's progress in the years to come, not only in terms of energy generation but also in capturing information around the greenhouse emissions avoided as a result of low carbon energy generation.

The Low Carbon Energy Generation in Wales report is available on the Welsh Government website: [Renewable Energy Report](#)

Further studies are due to be carried out so Wales's progress on low carbon energy generation can be captured.

### New Panel to advise on Animal Health and Welfare in Wales

A group of specialists has been appointed to support the development and introduction of a new Animal Health and Welfare Framework for Wales.

The team of six experts will advise the Welsh Government on the prevention, management and eradication of animal disease in an effort to improve the health and welfare of both livestock and companion animals in Wales.

Anglesey Farmer, Peredur Hughes has been appointed chair of the group. As former chair of the Animal Health and Welfare Strategy Steering Group, chairman of the North Wales Regional TB

Eradication Board and former president of NFU Cymru, Mr Hughes has extensive knowledge of Welsh farming.

The other group members are:

- David Davies, who runs a farming enterprise and property letting business.
- Huw Davies, who manages a 280 acre National Trust tenanted hill farm.
- Moss Jones, director of the Welsh Agricultural Organisation Society and managing director of Quality Welsh Food Certification Ltd.
- Ifan Lloyd, veterinary surgeon in clinical practice and a senior partner of a veterinary group with surgeries in Swansea and Neath.
- Professor Joanna Price, Head of Bristol University Veterinary School.

Chief Veterinary Officer for Wales, Professor Christianne Glossop said: “Disease outbreaks and the measures to deal with them can carry wide and costly consequences for public health, the economy and the environment. Achieving high standards of animal health and welfare is important to all of us.

“That is why we have established this group of specialists. I look forward to working with them and to benefitting from their valuable advice on disease prevention and eradication in Wales.”

More details are available here: [Wales Animal Health and Welfare Framework](#)

## **Towards Sustainable Growth: An Action Plan for the Food and Drink Industry 2014 – 2020**

On 12 June, the Minister for Natural Resources and Food launched “Towards Sustainable Growth: an Action Plan for the Food and Drink Industry 2014 -2020”.

The Action Plan aims to increase jobs growth and wealth in Wales and to achieve an integrated, profitable and sustainable supply chain with quality industry practices that contribute to both business and market growth in a competitive environment. The Plan sets out actions for both Government and the industry. Economic, environmental and community sustainability is a central consideration throughout the Plan. The responses to the consultation exercise (which closed on 3 March 2014) were very informative and significantly shaped the final Action Plan.

Further information and the Action Plan can be found here: [Action Plan for Food and Drink](#)

## **Green Growth Wales – Investing in the future**

Minister for Natural Resources, Alun Davies has launched a new prospectus, [Green Growth Wales: Investing in the Future](#).

This includes:

- Wales’ wealth of natural resources
- a flexible and committed Government
- a practical and customised programme of business support.

The prospectus sets out that Wales boasts 1,200km of coast line, around 32,000 km<sup>2</sup> of sea, seven major ports and significant potential for low carbon energy generation from marine energy, hydro, solar, onshore and off shore wind.

## **Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) 5<sup>th</sup> Assessment – the latest findings from the reports looking at the causes and consequences of climate change**

A science in to policy briefing on the recently published IPCC 5<sup>th</sup> Assessment Reports (WGII and WGIII) was held on 4 June in Cardiff. The Minister for Natural Resources and Food attended the event together with scientific experts and academics; including the Climate Change Consortium of Wales (C3W), the Met Office, the Tyndall Centre and the Climate Change Commission for Wales.

## **Gwlad**

The latest issue of Gwlad is now available to read online.

Gwlad is the Welsh Government's bi-monthly magazine for farm and forestry businesses and all those involved with agriculture and rural Wales.

Gwlad contains news, advice and information, which is easy to find and understand. In Gwlad on-line, you can find everything that is in the magazine. There are also additional stories, videos, interviews and announcements.

With a [catalogue of back issues of Gwlad](#) also available, [www.gwladonline.org](http://www.gwladonline.org) is the essential website to visit to ensure you stay well-informed about agriculture and rural Wales.

## **The Valleys Regional Park Future Options Report**

Following extensive consultation with partner organisations and external bodies, and taking account of experience in other parts of the UK and Europe, external consultant Blaengad has prepared a future options report for the Valleys Regional Park (VRP). The report recommends consolidation of the VRP as tangible landscape park integrated with the Cardiff Capital Region, where the rich natural and heritage resource provides a key driver to tackle poverty and create jobs. It offers an effective regional coordination mechanism for strategic natural resource planning, supporting partner organisations to secure resources and enabling local delivery through them according to an ecosystems approach, working closely with the Welsh Government and Natural Resources Wales. Partners have been invited to comment on the report by 14 July 2014, a copy of which can be obtained from Andrew Osborne: [andrew.osborne@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:andrew.osborne@wales.gsi.gov.uk)

## **Welsh Timber in Construction**

The Welsh Government is committed to increasing the use of timber in construction, particularly Welsh timber which we have plenty of. There are many benefits to this including skills and job creation opportunities within the forestry and construction sectors, sustainable management of woodland, carbon capture and the construction of sustainable energy efficient homes. Gross timber growth rates in Wales are sufficient to build a house every 10 minutes!

To maximise this opportunity, a cross government officials working group chaired by Peter Davies, Future Generations Commissioner has been agreed and established by Edwina Hart, Minister for Economy Science and Transport, Alun Davies, Minister for Natural Resources and Food and Carl Sargeant, Minister for Housing and Regeneration. Through the Valleys Regional Park, a Welsh Timber in Housing Group has been created involving key stakeholders including the Wales Forest Business Partnership and ten Registered Social Landlords. The group has been tasked with changing the perception of Welsh timber, developing better coordination across the sector, organising events to encourage networking, improving supply chain links and developing one or more pilot timber housing schemes. If you require further information, please contact Andrew Osborne: [Andrew.osborne@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Andrew.osborne@wales.gsi.gov.uk)

## Ways to keep updated

To learn more about the NRM Programme please visit:  
[www.wales.gov.uk/naturalresourcemanagement](http://www.wales.gov.uk/naturalresourcemanagement)

The web pages include [frequently asked questions \(FAQs\)](#), an [information pack](#) and some [case studies](#).

You can also keep up to date with developments on Facebook and Twitter by following @WG\_NatResMin and liking the Welsh Government's Facebook page.

If you have any questions or if you want to join the mailing list, please email us at [naturalresourcemanagement@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:naturalresourcemanagement@wales.gsi.gov.uk)