

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

Timing: Morning, Monday, 29th April 2024

Taking Place Online



Draft 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
- 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
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, highways
- 10.10 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
- 11.30 **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
Senior representative, legal
Senior representative, housing
Senior representative, energy
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, Lead Researcher, Policy Forum for Wales