

**Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs**

**Meeting with the Third (Voluntary) Sector Network**

**15 March 2021, 13:00 – 13:30**

**Third Sector**

David Cook	WCVA
Anna Nicholls	WCVA
Rachel Sharp	Wildlife Trusts Wales
Karen Balmer	Groundwork North Wales
Kevin Rahman Daultrey	Size of Wales
Katy Stevenson	Groundwork
Sarah Evans	Wales Co-operative Centre
Gary Mitchell	Social Farms & Gardens
Cat Miller	WCVA
Mari Tudur	Grwp Cynefin
Gethin Rhys	Interfaith Council for Wales
Karen Balmer	Groundwork North Wales

**Welsh Government**

Lesley Griffiths MS	Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs
Alice Teague	Head of Biodiversity
Gail Merriman	Circular Economy and Resource Efficiency
James Owen	Deputy Director, Land Management Reform
Patrick Isaac	Government Business Unit

### **Item 1- The green and just recovery – [Gail Merriman & Alice Teague]**

- Our overarching ambition to create a more prosperous, equal and greener Wales is stronger than ever and in recovering from the pandemic we are determined to take forward a just and green recovery.
- Officials have been working closely with the NRW Secretariat to determine which of the proposals in the *Priorities for Action* report could be accelerated this financial year (2020/2021).
- Transitioning to a circular economy, where we keep resources in use and avoid waste, is a critical part of the green recovery. We published *Beyond Recycling – a strategy to make the circular economy in Wales a reality* on 2 March. This Strategy comes at an important time.

### **Item 2- The Agriculture White Paper - James Owen**

- We have signalled our commitment to developing future rural policy in collaboration with stakeholders, as we seek to build on the good work achieved through the EU RDP and respond to the challenges we face now and in the future.
- A workshop was held with a range of stakeholders on 2<sup>nd</sup> March. It helped assess the strategic priorities which will be for a new government to consider and consult on in the new Senedd term.

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