Environmental Principles and Governance in Wales Post European Union Exit

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| **Consultation response form** | Your name:  Organisation (if applicable):  e-mail/telephone number:  Your address: |

Responses should be returned by **9 June 2019** to

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**Environmental Principles**

Question 1: Do you agree the following principles should be included within legislation for Wales?

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Question 2: Do you think there are other principles, which may also need to be included?

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Question 3: Do you agree the duty to pursue sustainable management of natural resources and the application of the SMNR principles should be extended?

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Question 4: On which Welsh public bodies, within devolved competence, do you consider a duty to pursue SMNR should apply?

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**Accountability**

Question 5: Do you agree with the gaps identified, or do you consider there are other gaps, which need to be considered?

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Question 6: What role should existing accountability bodies provide in a new environmental governance structure for Wales?

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Question 7: Is the outlined role and objective appropriate for a body responsible for overseeing the implementation of environmental law in Wales?

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Question 8: Which policy areas should be included within the scope of new governance arrangements?

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Question 9: Do you consider the proposed list of bodies to be appropriate?

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Question 10: Do you consider there are other Welsh bodies, which should also fall within the remit of an oversight body?

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Question 11: What should be the status, form and constitution of an oversight body?

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Question 12: Should an oversight body be able to act in an advisory capacity?

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Question 13: Should an oversight body be able to scrutinise implementation of environmental legislation?

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Question 14: What should be the extent of this function?

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Question 15: What powers should a body have in order to investigate complaints from members of the public about the alleged failure to implement environmental law?

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Question 16: What informal and formal methods of enforcement do you consider an oversight body should operate in order to delivery on its role and objectives?

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Question 17: What enforcement actions do you consider need to be available?

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**Other**

Question 18: Would there be advantages in having a shared core set of common environmental principles?

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Question 19: What potential governance structures do you consider are needed to enable collaboration and collective decision-making to enable interface between administrations?

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