

Note of First Minister's Meeting with National Grid
11th June 2024

Attendees

John Pettigrew, Chief Executive of National Grid (JP), via Teams
Vaughan Gething, First Minister (FM)
Jeremy Miles, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Welsh Language
(CSEEWL)
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FM welcomed John Pettigrew (JP) and spoke to the links he sees between the economy and energy sectors in Wales and the deliberate joining of these sectors within the Cabinet Secretary's role.

The Beyond 2030 report proposes a transmission line from North to South Wales, which will enable and facilitate onshore wind generation in mid Wales. Currently, no developers are coming forward and asking to connect to the proposed transmission in mid Wales. Having anticipatory investment would allow more focus on the North-South line. There is a need to build infrastructure in anticipation of what is coming to stimulate economic investment.

CSEEWL stated that he wants anticipatory capacity to be created and the right regulatory environment is needed. How will NG prioritise areas and capacity to do work to expand grid?