

# Concise Minutes – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Hybrid – Committee room 5 Ty Hywel and video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 30 September 2021

Meeting time: 09.45 – 13.10

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## Hybrid

### Attendance

| Category               | Names  |
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| Members of the Senedd: | Paul Davies MS (Chair)<br>Hefin David MS<br>Luke Fletcher MS<br>Vikki Howells MS<br>Samuel Kurtz MS  |
| Witnesses:             | Robert Vaughan, Natural Resources Wales<br>Martin Cox, Natural Resources Wales<br>Ben Cottam, Federation of Small Business<br>Paul Slevin, Chambers Wales<br>David Chapman, UK Hospitality Cymru<br>Sara Jones, Wales Retail Consortium<br>Suzy Davies, Wales Tourism Alliance |
| Committee Staff:       | Robert Donovan (Clerk)   |



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|  | Lara Date (Second Clerk)<br>Robert Lloyd-Williams (Deputy Clerk) |
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## **1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

1.1 Apologies were received by Sarah Murphy MS

1.2 Carolyn Thomas MS substituted for Sarah Murphy MS

1.3 Samuel Kurtz MS declared an interest as a director of the charity Wales Federation of Young Farmers Clubs

## **2 Paper(s) to note**

2.1 Letter from the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) to the Chair

2.1.1 The letter was noted by the Committee

2.2 Letter from the Legislation Justice and Constitution Committee Chair in relation to Senedd Committee scrutiny of Common Frameworks

2.2.1 The letter was noted by the Committee

## **3 Review of The Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations 2021**

3.1 Martin Cox and Robert (Bob) Vaughan from Natural Resources Wales answered questions from Committee Members

## **4 Issues facing Welsh Businesses – Focus on Hospitality, Tourism and Retail: Evidence session 1**

4.1 Ben Cottam Federation Small Businesses Wales and Paul Slevin Chambers Wales answered questions from Committee Members

4.2 Ben Cottam will provide the Committee with information provided to the Welsh Government by FSB on how the economic contract refresh can make it clearer for businesses.

## **5 Issues facing Welsh Businesses – Focus on Hospitality, Tourism and Retail: Evidence session 2**

5.1 David Chapman UK Hospitality Cymru, Sara Jones Welsh Retail Consortium and Suzy Davies Wales Tourism Alliance answered questions from Committee Members

## **6 Consideration of the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill**

6.1 The Committee considered the Legislative Consent Memorandum

## **7 Consideration of the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Advanced Research and Invention Agency Bill**

7.1 The Committee considered the Legislative Consent Memorandum

## **8 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public for the remainder of the meeting**

8.1 The Committee agreed the motion

## **9 Consideration of Draft Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill**

9.1 The Committee agreed the draft report

## **10 Consideration of Draft Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Advanced Research and Invention Agency Bill**

10.1 The Committee agreed the draft report and to write to the Minister concerning its request for additional information, as noted in the report

## **11 Consideration of the International agreement: Free Trade Agreement between the UK, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway paper**

11.1 The Committee considered the research paper and agreed to write to the Minister with recommendations.