

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

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 3 February 2022

Meeting time: 09.33 – 14.30

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## Hybrid

### Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Paul Davies MS (Chair) Hefin David MS Luke Fletcher MS Vikki Howells MS Samuel Kurtz MS Sarah Murphy MS
Witnesses:	Lesley Griffiths MS, Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd Jim Evans, Welsh Fisherman's Association Trevor Jones, Bangor Mussel Producers Emily Williams, RSPB Cymru Gareth Cunningham, Marine Conservation Society Gareth Bullock, Development Bank of Wales David Staziker, Development Bank of Wales



	Giles Thorley, Development Bank of Wales Mike Owen, Development Bank of Wales
Committee Staff:	Robert Donovan (Clerk) Lara Date (Second Clerk) Robert Lloyd-Williams (Deputy Clerk) Lorna Scurlock (Researcher) Ben Stokes (Researcher)

## **1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting

1.2 There were no apologies or substitutions

1.3 Samuel Kurtz declared he was a Member of the Wales Federation of Young Farmers Clubs, director of the charity that has been in receipt of Welsh Government funds previously.

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

2.1 The papers were noted

- 2.1 Letter from the Chair to the Minister for Economy**
- 2.2 Letter from the Minister for Economy**
- 2.3 Letter from the Minister for Climate Change**
- 2.4 Letter from the Chair to the Llywydd**
- 2.5 Letter from the Chair of the Equality and Social Justice Committee**
- 2.6 Letter from the Minister for Finance & Local Government**
- 2.7 Letter from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd**

### **3 Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd – Joint Fisheries Statement**

- 3.1 The Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd and Welsh Government officials answered questions from Committee Members
- 3.2 The Minister agreed to provide further details on robust labelling and traceability system.
- 3.3 The Minister undertook to engage with the Committee further, in person or in correspondence, when the Memorandum of Understanding for the Fisheries Common Framework was published

### **4 Joint Fisheries Statement – Fisheries sector**

- 4.1 Jim Evans and Trevor Jones answered questions from Committee Members
- 4.2 Jim Evans of the Welsh Fishermen's' Association will provide the Committee with a report on sustainable recycling solutions when published

## **5 Joint Fisheries Statement – Environmental Groups**

5.1 Emily Williams and Gareth Cunningham answered questions from Committee Members

## **6 Development Bank of Wales – Annual Report scrutiny**

6.1 Gareth Bullock, Giles Thorley, David Staziker and Mike Owen answered questions from Committee Members

6.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Development Bank of Wales to follow up on issues raised during the scrutiny session

## **7 Consideration of the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (No.2) on the Professional Qualifications Bill**

7.1 The Committee considered the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (SLCM) on the Professional Qualifications Bill. The Committee later agreed a report on the SLCM to be published by the reporting deadline of 10 February.

## **8 Consideration of the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Commercial Rent (Coronavirus) Bill**

8.1 The Committee considered the Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM) on the Commercial Rent (Coronavirus) Bill. In private session the Committee later agreed a report on the LCM to be published by the reporting deadline of 10 February

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

9.1 The Committee considered the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (SLCM) on the Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill. In private session the Committee

decided to agree a report on the SLCM in correspondence to be published by the reporting deadline of 3 March

## **10 Consideration of the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Subsidy Control Bill**

10.1 The Committee considered the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (SLCM) on the Subsidy Control Bill. In private session the Committee agreed to write to the Minister requesting to be kept updated on developments with the Bill.

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

11.1 The Committee agreed the motion

## **12 Private**

12.1 Members considered the evidence heard during the session

12.2 The Committee considered a paper on Common Frameworks and agreed its approach to prioritising the Frameworks for scrutiny and to issue an open call for stakeholder views on the Frameworks when published.