

Concise Minutes – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Hybrid – Committee room 1&2 Senedd and video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 29 September 2022

Meeting time: 09.36 – 11.30

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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:	Dorian Brunt, Welsh Government Bill Cordingley, Welsh Government Hannah Fernandez, Welsh Government Claire Lawson, Welsh Government Fiona McFarlane, Welsh Government James Owen, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Lara Date, Clerk



	Robert Donovan, Clerk Sarah Bartlett, Deputy Clerk Ceri Thomas, Committee Support Officer Katy Orford, Researcher Katie Wyatt, Legal Adviser
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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 MS declared he was a director of the charity Wales Young Farmers Club and chairman of Pembrokeshire YFC.

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

- 2.1 Letter from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd
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- 2.3 Letter from the Minister for Economy
- 2.4 Letter from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to the Minister for Climate Change
- 2.5 Letter from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee
- 2.6 Letter from the Chair of the Equality and Social Justice Committee to the Minister for Social Justice
- 2.7 Letter from the Minister for Economy
- 2.8 Letter from Wales Environment Link
- 2.9 Letter from the Minister for Economy
- 3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public for the remainder of the meeting
 - 3.1 The motion was agreed.
- 4 **Agriculture (Wales) Bill – Agree Approach to Scrutiny**
 - 4.1 The Committee considered the approach to the Bill.
 - 4.2 Members agreed the following:
 - the draft terms of reference for consultation;
 - the Committee’s approach to Stage 1 scrutiny;
 - subject to a few additions, the list of the stakeholders for written evidence;
 - the witnesses to invite for oral evidence; and
 - to a 6 week consultation period.

4.3 The Chair would write to the Chair of Business Committee concerning the proposed scrutiny timetable.

5 Agriculture (Wales) Bill – Technical Briefing from Welsh Government

5.1 Members received a technical briefing from Welsh Government officials on the Bill.

6 Legislative Scrutiny Refresh

5.1 Members received a presentation on the legislation process.

7 Farm Rapporteur Visits: Feedback from Members

7.1 Vikki Howells MS and Luke Fletcher MS reported back on the farm visits that took place on 22 September.