

Concise Minutes – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 5, Ty Hywel

Meeting date: Thursday, 16 March 2023

Meeting time: 10.46 – 14.05

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Darren Millar MS (Temporary Chair) Hefin David MS Luke Fletcher MS Vikki Howells MS Samuel Kurtz MS Sarah Murphy MS
Witnesses:	Vaughan Gething MS, Minister for Economy Lesley Griffiths MS, Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd Gian Marco Currado, Welsh Government Chris Hale, Welsh Government Duncan Hamer, Welsh Government Jo Salway, Welsh Government Gavin Watkins, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Rob Donovan, Clerk



	Ceri Thomas, Deputy Clerk Rosemary Hill, Researcher Sara Moran, Researcher Katy Orford, Researcher Lorna Scurlock, Researcher Gareth Thomas, Researcher Catherine McKeag, Communications
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1 Private pre-meeting

1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Amendments to the Political, Free Trade and Strategic Partnership Agreement between the UK and Ukraine

2.1 The Committee considered the amendments to the Political, Free Trade and Strategic Partnership Agreement between the UK and Ukraine.

2.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Welsh Government regarding Ukraine.

3 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

3.1 Samuel Kurtz MS declared that he was an honorary member of the British Veterinary Association.

4 Papers to note

4.1 The Committee noted the papers.

4.1 Letter from the Chair to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

4.2 Letter from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd

4.3 Letter from the Llywydd and Chair of the Business Committee

5 General Ministerial Scrutiny – Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd

5.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Welsh Government.

5.2 Welsh Government agreed to provide the Committee with further information regarding their work with the Companion Animal network

6 General Ministerial Scrutiny – Minister for Economy

6.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Welsh Government.

6.2 The Minister agreed to write to the Committee with further information regarding their work with the Companion Animal Network.

6.3 The Minister agreed to write to the Committee with further information regarding the Welsh Government roads review – growth deals, and the economic impact.

6.4 The Minister agreed to write to the Committee clarifying the work on employee owned businesses and the split between Welsh Government and Development Bank of Wales.

6.5 The Minister agreed to send a note on the progress with each growth deal.

7 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

7.1 The Motion to exclude the public for the remainder of the meeting was agreed.

8 Consideration of evidence following the meeting

8.1 The Committee considered the evidence heard.

8.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd regarding the issue of organics and equivalence with the EU.

9 Post-EU funding: Scope and approach paper

9.1 The Committee considered and agreed the Post-EU funding Scope and approach paper.