

Concise Minutes – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

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

Meeting date: Thursday, 28 September 2023

Meeting time: 09.29 – 12.47

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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 Buffy Williams MS Huw Irranca-Davies MS
Witnesses:	Nerys Bourne, Careers Wales The Rt Hon David TC Davies MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Wales Mandy Ifans, Careers Wales Nikki Lawrence, Careers Wales Jason McLellan, Welsh Local Government Association Lisa Mytton, National Training Federation for Wales



	Dr Barry Walters, Colleges Wales
Committee Staff:	Lara Date, Clerk Evan Jones, Deputy Clerk Ceri Thomas, Committee Support Officer Chloe Corbyn, Researcher Ben Stokes, Researcher Gareth Thomas, Researcher Lucy Morgan, Researcher Jennifer Cottle, Legal Adviser Manon Huws, Legal Adviser

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no apologies or declarations of interest.

2 Papers to note

2.1 The Committee noted the papers.

2.1 Plant Protection Products (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2023

2.2 Tata Steel Transformation Support

2.3 Children, Young People and Education Committee meeting – 5 July 2023: Joint Ministerial scrutiny session on post 16 education and skills

3 Cost of living pressures and the Young Persons Guarantee – Panel 1

3.1 The Committee heard evidence from the panel.

3.2 Careers Wales agreed to write to the Committee with further data it held on college leavers and those students who were dropping out early.

4 Cost of living pressures and the Young Persons Guarantee – Panel 2

4.1 The Committee heard evidence from the panel.

5 Future of Welsh Steel

5.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Secretary of State for Wales.

5.1 Under Standing Order 17.49, Huw Irranca-Davies MS, a Member of the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee, also attended this session.

6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting and for the first item at the next meeting on 11 October 2023

6.1 The Motion to exclude the public for the remainder of the meeting and for the first item at the next meeting on 11 October 2023 was agreed.

7 Consideration of evidence following the meeting

7.1 The Committee considered the evidence received on cost of living pressures and the Young Persons Guarantee, and agreed to write to Welsh Government to follow up on certain issues.

8 Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (No.4) for the Levelling-Up and Regeneration Bill

8.1 The Committee considered the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (No.4) for the Levelling-Up and Regeneration Bill.

8.2 The Committee agreed to write to Welsh Government to ask for further information relating to the SLCM, in particular Part 1 relating to the Levelling-Up Missions, and other amendments to the Bill that might require Senedd consent, in advance of the 13 October reporting deadline for the SLCM.

9 Scoping Paper: Inquiry into Research and Development

9.1 The Committee considered the paper and agreed the scope and approach for a one-day high-level inquiry into Research and Development.

10 Scoping Paper: Development Bank of Wales

10.1 The Committee considered the paper and agreed its scope and approach for an inquiry into the Development Bank of Wales.