

Concise Minutes – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 5 – Tŷ Hywel and video
conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Wednesday, 22 May 2024

Meeting time: 09.30 – 12.04

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Paul Davies MS (Chair) Hefin David MS Luke Fletcher MS Samuel Kurtz MS Jenny Rathbone MS
Witnesses:	Andy Regan, Nesta Dafydd Gruffydd, Menter Môn Dr Debbie Jones, M-SParc Kate McGavin, UK Infrastructure Bank Robyn Lovelock, Ambition North Wales
Committee Staff:	Rob Donovan, Clerk Lara Date, Second Clerk Evan Jones, Deputy Clerk Ceri Thomas, Committee Support Officer



	Lucy Morgan, Researcher Ben Stokes, Researcher Gareth Thomas, Researcher Aled Evans, Legal Adviser
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Vikki Howells MS for the duration of the meeting, and from Hefin David MS for items 1,2 and 3.
- 1.3 There were no declarations of interest.

2 Papers to note

- 2.1 The Committee noted the papers.
- 2.1 **The Official Controls (Establishment Lists) (Revocation) Regulations 2023**
- 2.2 **Development Bank of Wales inquiry**
- 2.3 **Environment Food and Rural Affairs Interministerial Group**
- 2.4 **Drainage Districts**
- 2.5 **General Ministerial scrutiny**

3 Inquiry: Green Economy – Panel 5 – Green Finance

- 3.1 The Committee heard evidence from the panel on the Green Economy.
- 3.2 The Committee agreed to write to the witnesses to seek responses to the questions not reached during the session.
- 3.3 The Committee agreed to write to the UK Infrastructure Bank regarding references that were made to Local Authority models for funding, in particularly on the Bristol City project.

4 Inquiry: Green Economy – Panel 6 – Case study

4.1 The Committee heard evidence from the panel on the Green Economy.

4.2 Menter Môn agreed to write to the Committee to provide information on the amount of funding received from Welsh Government for improving the public procurement supply lines into North Wales schools, and to write on actions being taken to get horticulture producers to collaborate, including the level of engagement with different caterers/procurers of school food

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

5.1 The motion to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting was agreed.

6 Consideration of evidence following the meeting

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

7 Forward work programme discussion

7.1 The Committee considered its forward work programme for the Autumn term 2024.

8 Royal Welsh Show 2024: Committee attendance

8.1 The Committee agreed its approach and attendance for the Royal Welsh Show 2024.