

# Agenda – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Committee room 5 – Tŷ Hywel  
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 18 September 2024

Meeting time: 09.30

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## Hybrid

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### Private pre-meeting

(09.15–09.30)

### Public meeting

(09.30)

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

(09.30)

#### 2 Papers to note

(09.30)

##### 2.1 Development Bank of Wales inquiry

(Pages 1 – 12)

Attached Documents:

Response from the CEO, Development Bank of Wales – 24 June 2024

Welsh Government's response – Development Bank of Wales report – 28  
August 2024



Development Bank of Wales' response – Development Bank of Wales report –  
4 September 2024

**2.2 Welsh Government response to the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs  
Committee report: Research and Development**

(Pages 13 – 16)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Welsh Language –  
26 June 2024

**2.3 General Ministerial Scrutiny session follow-up – Cabinet Secretary for Climate  
Change and Rural Affairs**

(Pages 17 – 18)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs – 1  
July 2024

**2.4 General Ministerial Scrutiny session follow-up – Cabinet Secretary for  
Economy, Energy and Welsh Language**

(Pages 19 – 20)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Welsh  
Language – 1 July 2024

**2.5 The Welsh Government's Approach to Trade Policy**

(Pages 21 – 49)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Welsh Language –  
10 July 2024

## **2.6 Future of Welsh Steel**

(Pages 50 – 67)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Welsh Language –  
10 July 2024

Letter from the Chair to Welsh Government and UK Government – 18 July  
2024

Response from the UK Government – 9 August 2024

Response from the Welsh Government – Future of Welsh Steel – 28 August  
2024

## **2.7 Animal health and welfare – use of cages for game birds**

(Pages 68 – 70)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the League Against Cruel Sports and Animal Aid – 18 July 2024

Letter from the Chair to the League Against Cruel Sports and Animal Aid – 23  
July 2024

## **2.8 Hybu Cig Cymru – culture and operations**

(Pages 71 – 72)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to Hybu Cig Cymru – 18 July 2024

## **2.9 The Welsh Government's 'Food Matters: Wales' policy**

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs – 22  
July 2024

## **2.10 Agricultural Pollution Regulations**

(Pages 74 – 75)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs – 31 July 2024

## **2.11 Apprenticeship Levy reform**

(Pages 76 – 78)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Secretary of State for Education, UK Government – 1 August 2024

Response letter from the Minister for Skills, UK Government – 22 August 2024

## **2.12 Sustainable Farming Scheme – feedback from stakeholders at the Royal Welsh Show**

(Pages 79 – 80)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs – 9 August 2024

## **2.13 Green economy**

(Pages 81 – 84)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Secretary of State for Business and Trade and the Secretary of State for Energy, Security and Net Zero, UK Government – 12 August 2024

Letter from the Chair to the Crown Estate – 12 August 2024

## **2.14 Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee report – Farming Connect**

(Pages 85 – 98)

Attached Documents:

Welsh Government's response – 20 August 2024

## **2.15 International Strategy and Cardiff Wales Airport**

(Pages 99 – 101)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair of the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee – 20 August 2024

## **2.16 Sea Fisheries (Amendment) (No 2) Regulations 2024 (the “2024 Regulations”)**

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs – 22 August 2024

## **2.17 Inter-Ministerial Group for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs meeting**

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs – 30 August 2024

## **2.18 Service Level Agreement Welsh Ministers, Rural Payments Agency and British Cattle Movements Service**

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs – 2 September 2024

**2.19 Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee report: Welsh Government's proposals for a Sustainable Farming Scheme**

(Pages 105 – 112)

Attached Documents:

Welsh Government response – 10 September 2024

**3 The Foundational Economy – Panel 1**

(09.30–10.30)

(Pages 113 – 135)

Emeritus Professor Karel Williams, University of Manchester

Professor Anne Green, University of Birmingham

Harry Thompson, Head of Fair Economy, Cynnal Cymru – Sustain Wales

Attached Documents:

Evidence paper – Foundational Alliance Wales

Evidence paper – Professor Anne Green and Professor Paul Sissons

**Break**

(10.30–10.35)

**4 The Foundational Economy – Panel 2**

(10.35–11.20)

(Pages 136 – 152)

Councillor Matthew Brown, Leader of Preston City Council

Ceri Cunnington, Development Worker, Cwmni Bro Ffestiniog

Attached Documents:

Research brief

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

(11.20)

**Private meeting**

(11.20–12.05)

**6 Consideration of evidence following the meeting**

(11.20–11.30)

**7 Green economy: Key issues discussion**

(11.30–12.00)

(Pages 153 – 171)

Attached Documents:

Key issues paper

**8 International Trade Monitoring report discussion**

(12.00–12.05)

(Pages 172 – 204)

Attached Documents:

International Trade Monitoring report