

Concise Minutes – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 5 – Tŷ Hywel
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Wednesday, 18 September
2024

Meeting time: 09.30 – 12.23

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Paul Davies MS (Chair) Luke Fletcher MS Samuel Kurtz MS Jenny Rathbone MS Mick Antoniw MS (In place of Hefin David MS)
Witnesses:	Ceri Cunnington, Cwmni Bro Ffestiniog Professor Anne Green, University of Birmingham Professor Karel Williams, Manchester Business School Matthew Brown, Preston City Council Harry Thompson, Sustain Wales
Committee Staff:	Robert Donovan (Clerk) Rachael Davies (Second Clerk) Aled Evans (Legal Adviser)



	Lucy Morgan (Researcher) Madelaine Phillips (Researcher) Gareth David Thomas (Researcher)
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1.2 The Chair confirmed that since her appointment as Minister for Further and Higher Education, Vikki Howells has resigned from her membership of the Committee.

1.3 Apologies were received from Hefin David. Mick Antoniwi attended as a substitute.

2 Papers to note

2.1 The Committee noted the papers.

- 2.1 Development Bank of Wales inquiry
- 2.2 Welsh Government response to the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee report: Research and Development
- 2.3 General Ministerial Scrutiny session follow-up – Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs
- 2.4 General Ministerial Scrutiny session follow-up – Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Welsh Language
- 2.5 The Welsh Government’s Approach to Trade Policy
- 2.27 Future of Welsh Steel
- 2.7 Animal health and welfare – use of cages for game birds
- 2.8 Hybu Cig Cymru – culture and operations
- 2.9 The Welsh Government’s 'Food Matters: Wales' policy
- 2.10 Agricultural Pollution Regulations
- 2.11 Apprenticeship Levy reform
- 2.12 Sustainable Farming Scheme – feedback from stakeholders at the Royal Welsh Show
- 2.13 Green economy
- 2.14 Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee report – Farming Connect
- 2.15 International Strategy and Cardiff Wales Airport
- 2.16 Sea Fisheries (Amendment) (No 2) Regulations 2024 (the “2024 Regulations”)
- 2.17 Inter-Ministerial Group for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs meeting

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

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

3 The Foundational Economy – Panel 1

3.1 The Committee heard evidence from Professor Karel Williams (University of Manchester), Professor Anne Green (University of Birmingham), and Harry Thompson (Cynnal Cymru).

3.2 Harry Thompson agree to share a report on the Community of Practice established for the Welsh Government's Foundational Economy Challenge Fund.

4 The Foundational Economy – Panel 2

4.1 The Committee heard evidence from Preston Council and Cwmni Bro Ffestiniog.

4.2 The Committee agreed to write to the witnesses to seek further information in relation to points not reached during the session.

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

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

6 Consideration of evidence following the meeting

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence received under Items 3 and 4.

7 Green economy: Key issues discussion

7.1 The Committee considered the key issues paper. The Committee agreed to consider a draft report at a future meeting.

8 International Trade Monitoring report discussion

8.1 The Committee noted an update on trade monitoring and agreed to publish the report.