

Concise Minutes – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 5 – Tŷ Hywel
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Wednesday, 16 October
2024

Meeting time: 09.28 – 12.14

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Paul Davies MS (Chair) Hannah Blythyn MS Luke Fletcher MS Samuel Kurtz MS Jenny Rathbone MS Lee Waters MS (In place of Hannah Blythyn MS)
Witnesses:	Robbie Davison, Well-Fed Iwan Trefor Jones, Adra Edward Morgan, Castell Howell Foods Professor Kevin Morgan, Cardiff University Gary Newman, Woodknowledge Wales Katie Palmer, Food Sense Wales Professor Joanne Patterson, Welsh School of Architecture, Cardiff University



	Anthony Rees, Cyfle Building Skills
Committee Staff:	Robert Donovan (Clerk) Rachael Davies (Second Clerk) Nicole Haylor–Mott (Deputy Clerk) Aled Evans (Legal Adviser) Gareth Howells (Legal Adviser) Sara Moran (Researcher) Madelaine Phillips (Researcher) Gareth David Thomas (Researcher)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1.2 Apologies were received from Hefin David MS.

1.3 Apologies were received from Hannah Blythyn MS for Item 4 onwards. Lee Waters MS attended as substitute for the remainder of the meeting.

2 Papers to note

2.1 The Committee noted the papers.

2.2 In relation to item 2.8, in private, the Committee agreed to seek further information from the Cabinet Secretary and to respond to the Welsh Government by the required deadline.

- 2.1 Green economy
- 2.2 VZTA Smart Towns
- 2.3 The Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Enforcement Regulations 2024
- 2.4 Official Controls (Extension of Transitional Period) and Plant Health (Frequency of Checks) (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2024
- 2.5 Inter-Ministerial Group for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
- 2.6 Welsh Government's international strategy and Cardiff Airport
- 2.7 The Foundational Economy inquiry: Oral evidence session follow-up
- 2.8 Joint Fisheries Statement (JFS)
- 2.9 Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) report 'Housebuilding Market in Great Britain'
- 2.10 Animal health and welfare – Use of Raised Laying Units for pheasants and partridges by the game sector in Wales
- 2.11 Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement: Inaugural meeting of the Council of the Nations and Regions

3 Foundational Economy: Panel 3 – Food sector

3.1 The Committee heard evidence from Robbie Davison (Can Cook/ Well Fed), Professor Kevin Morgan (Cardiff University), Edward Morgan (Castell Howell), and Katie Palmer (Food Sense Wales).

4 Foundational Economy: Panel 4 – Housing and decarbonisation

4.1 The Committee heard evidence from Iwan Trefor Jones (Adra), Professor Joanne Patterson (Cardiff University), Anthony Rees (Cyfle Building Skills), and Gary Newman (Woodknowledge Wales).

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 Foundational Economy: Consideration of evidence

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

7 Legislative Consent: Product Regulation and Metrology Bill

7.1 The Committee considered the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Product Regulation and Metrology Bill. They agreed to consider the LCM further at a future meeting.

8 Border Target Operating Model: Consideration of draft report

8.1 The Committee considered and agreed the draft report, and noted that it would be published before 31 October

9 Forward Work Programme: consideration of scoping paper on AI and the Welsh economy

9.1 The Committee considered the scoping paper and agreed terms of reference for an inquiry on AI and the Welsh economy.