

Agenda – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 5 – Tŷ Hywel
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 15 May 2025

Meeting time: 09.30

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Hybrid

Private pre-meeting

09.10 – 09.30

Public session

09.30 – 13.50

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

09.30

2 Soil Health in Agriculture: Panel 2

09.30 – 10.45

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Andrew Tuddenham, Head of Policy, Soil Association Cymru

Rhys Evans, Wales Manager, Nature Friendly Farming Network

Ellen Fay, co-Executive Director, Sustainable Soils Alliance

Attached Documents:

Research Brief



Senedd Cymru
Welsh Parliament

Evidence paper – Soil Association Cymru

Evidence paper – Nature Friendly Farming Network Cymru

Break

10.45 – 10.55

3 Soil Health in Agriculture: Panel 3

10.55 – 12.10

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Abi Reader, Deputy President, NFU Cymru

Teleri Fielden, Policy Officer, Farmers' Union of Wales (FUW)

Fraser McAuley, Senior Policy Adviser, Country Land and Business Association (CLA)

Attached Documents:

Evidence paper – Farmers' Union of Wales (FUW)

Evidence paper – National Farmers' Union Cymru (NFU)

Break

12.10 – 12.50

4 Soil Health in Agriculture: Panel 4

12.50 – 13.50

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Huw Irranca-Davies MS, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs, Welsh Government

James Cooke – Head of Agricultural Land Use Policy, Welsh Government

Andrew Chambers – Head of Agriculture Legislative Framework Branch, Welsh Government

Naomi Matthiessen – Deputy Director – Landscapes, Nature & Forestry, Welsh Government

Attached Documents:

Evidence paper – Welsh Government

5 Papers to note

13.50

5.1 Official Controls (Extension of Transitional Periods) (Amendment) Regulations 2025

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs – 1 May 2025

5.2 Request for economic impact assessment of proposed closures in languages and cultures at Cardiff University

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Modern Languages, UK Parliament – 1 May 2025

5.3 UK-EU Parliamentary Partnership Assembly

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Attached Documents:

UK-EU Parliamentary Partnership Assembly (PPA): Fifth meeting summary report – 29 April 2025

5.4 Meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Group on UK-EU relations

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning – 8 May 2025

5.5 Memorandum of Understanding between the Department for Work and Pensions and Welsh Government – Delivery of the Economic Inactivity Trailblazer in Wales (“The Trailblazer”)

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee – 8 May 2025

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

13.50

Private session

13.50 – 14.10

7 Consideration of evidence following the meeting

13.50 – 14.05

8 Apprenticeship Pathways: Key issues discussion

14.05–14.10

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Attached Documents:

Key issues paper