

Agenda – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 5 – Tŷ Hywel
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 4 June 2025

Meeting time: 09.30

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Hybrid

Private pre-meeting

09.15 – 09.30

Public session

09.30 – 12.10

1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions, and declarations of interest

09.30

2 City and Growth Deals: Panel 1

09.30 – 11.00

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Kellie Beirne, Chief Executive of the South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee, and Cardiff Capital Region

Councillor Mary Ann Brocklesby, Leader of Monmouthshire County Council, and Chair of the South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee and Cardiff Capital Region



Attached Documents:

Research Brief

Evidence paper – Cardiff Capital Region

Break

11.00–11.10

3 City and Growth Deals: Panel 2

11.10 – 12.10

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Carwyn Jones–Evans, Corporate Manager: Strategic Economic Investment /
Portfolio SRO: Growing Mid Wales

Councillor Jake Berriman, Leader of Powys County Council, Joint Chair of the
Growing Mid Wales Board, and member of the Mid Wales Corporate Joint
Committee

Councillor Bryan Davies, Leader of Ceredigion County Council, Joint Chair of
the Growing Mid Wales Board, and member of the Mid Wales Corporate Joint
Committee

Attached Documents:

Evidence paper – Growing Mid Wales

4 Papers to note

12.10

4.1 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026–27: Engagement

(Pages 51 – 53)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair of the Finance Committee – 9 May 2025

4.2 Inter-Ministerial Group for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

(Pages 54 – 55)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee – 9 May 2025

Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee – 21 May 2025

4.3 Green Economy

(Pages 56 – 74)

Attached Documents:

Covering letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning – 13 May 2025

Welsh Government report response – 13 May 2025

4.4 Holyhead Port Storm Damage and Closure

(Pages 75 – 92)

Attached Documents:

Welsh Government report response – 15 May 2025

4.5 City and Growth Deals

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to all Local Authority Leaders in Wales – 15 May 2025

4.6 Hybu Cig Cymru

(Pages 95 – 100)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs – 16 May 2025

Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs – 30 May 2025

4.7 Reviews of Business Support

(Pages 101 – 102)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning – 16 May 2025

4.8 Petitions regarding animal health and welfare, and the Welsh higher education sector

(Pages 103 – 104)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Chair of the Petitions Committee – 16 May 2025

4.9 Supplementary Legislative Consent Memoranda on the Product Regulation and Metrology Bill

(Pages 105 – 106)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Chair of the Business Committee – 19 May 2025

4.10 Scrutiny of the Draft Budget 2025–26: Evidence provided by the Welsh Government

(Pages 107 – 108)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Chair of the Finance Committee – 22 May 2025

4.11 Inter–Institutional Relations Agreement: Forthcoming Intergovernmental Meetings

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the First Minister to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee – 22 May 2025

4.12 The Foundational Economy

(Pages 110 – 123)

Attached Documents:

Covering letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning – 28 May 2025

Welsh Government report response – 28 May 2025

4.13 Meeting of the Inter–Ministerial Group for Trade

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning – 30 May 2025

4.14 UK’s agri–food and drink attachés

(Pages 125 – 126)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Minister of State (Minister for Food Security and Rural Affairs), Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs – 30 May 2025

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

12.10

6 City and Growth Deals: consideration of evidence

12.10–12.20

7 Hybu Cig Cymru: consideration of key issues and funding briefing

12.20 – 12.30

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Attached Documents:

Key Issues Paper

Hybu Cig Cymru Funding Briefing