

# Concise Minutes – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 5 – Tŷ Hywel  
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Wednesday, 4 June 2025

Meeting time: 09.31 – 12.56

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## Hybrid

### Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Andrew RT Davies MS (Chair) Hannah Blythyn MS Luke Fletcher MS Samuel Kurtz MS Jenny Rathbone MS
Witnesses:	Kellie Beirne, Cardiff Capital Region City Deal Mary Ann Brocklesby, Monmouthshire County Council Carwyn Jones–Evans, Growing Mid Wales Jake Berriman, Powys County Council Bryan Davies, Ceredigion County Council
Committee Staff:	Robert Donovan (Clerk) Rachael Davies (Second Clerk) Nicole Haylor–Mott (Deputy Clerk) Aled Evans (Legal Adviser)



	Ben Stokes (Researcher) Elfyn Henderson (Researcher)
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## **1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions, and declarations of interest**

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Hefin David MS.

## **2 City and Growth Deals: Panel 1**

- 2.1 The Committee heard evidence from Kellie Beirne (Cardiff Capital Region) and Councillor Mary Ann Brocklesby (Cardiff Capital Region).

## **3 City and Growth Deals: Panel 2**

- 3.1 The Committee heard evidence from Carwyn Jones–Evans (Growing Mid Wales), Councillor Jake Berriman (Growing Mid Wales), and Councillor Bryan Davies (Growing Mid Wales).
- 3.2 The Committee agreed to write to the panel following the evidence session, with further questions not reached during the meeting.

## **4 Papers to note**

- 4.1 The Committee noted the papers.

- 4.1 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026–27: Engagement**
  - 4.2 Inter–Ministerial Group for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs**
  - 4.3 Green Economy**
  - 4.4 Holyhead Port Storm Damage and Closure**
  - 4.5 City and Growth Deals**
  - 4.6 Hybu Cig Cymru**
  - 4.7 Reviews of Business Support**
  - 4.8 Petitions regarding animal health and welfare, and the Welsh higher education sector**
  - 4.9 Supplementary Legislative Consent Memoranda on the Product Regulation and Metrology Bill**
  - 4.10 Scrutiny of the Draft Budget 2025–26: Evidence provided by the Welsh Government**
  - 4.11 Inter–Institutional Relations Agreement: Forthcoming Intergovernmental Meetings**
  - 4.12 The Foundational Economy**
  - 4.13 Meeting of the Inter–Ministerial Group for Trade**
  - 4.14 UK’s agri–food and drink attachés**
- 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 City and Growth Deals: consideration of evidence**

6.1 The Committee discussed the evidence heard during items 2 and 3.

6.2 The Committee agreed to write to Panel 1 in follow-up regarding an offer of further information made during the session.

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

7.1 The Committee discussed and considered the key issues paper for the inquiry, and agreed to move forward with the drafting of the report.