

# Agenda – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Committee room 5 – Tŷ Hywel  
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 19 June 2025

Meeting time: 09.30

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## Hybrid

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### Private pre-meeting

09.15 – 09.30

### Public session

09.30 – 10.30

#### 1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

09.30

#### 2 Food Processing: panel 1

09.30 – 10.30

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Huw Thomas, Chief Executive Officer, Puffin Produce and Pembrokeshire  
Creamery

David Harries, Head of Food and Drink Federation Cymru

Attached Documents:

Research brief



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### **3 Papers to note**

10.30

#### **3.1 Economy Trade and Rural Affairs Committee report: AI and the Welsh Economy**

(Pages 12 – 15)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Centre for Digital Public Services – 3 June 2025

Letter from the Chair to the Chair of the Health and Social Care Committee – 3 June 2025

#### **3.2 Follow-up to 15 May Committee meeting: Glastir and National Minimum Standards**

(Pages 16 – 18)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs – 3 June 2025

#### **3.3 The Official Controls (Extension of Transitional Periods) (Amendment) Regulations 2025**

(Pages 19 – 20)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs – 3 June 2025

### **3.4 Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations 2021**

(Pages 21 – 22)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs – 3 June 2025

### **3.5 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026–27: Engagement – Stakeholder Event**

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Chair of the Finance Committee – 3 June 2025

### **3.6 Soil Health in Agriculture**

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the National Trust – 4 June 2025

Letter from the Chair to Professor Bridget Emmett – 4 June 2025

Letter from the Chair to the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA)

Leader – 5 June 2025

### **3.7 Anonymous Committee Evidence**

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Llywydd, and Chair of the Business Committee – 4 June 2025

### **3.8 Inter–Institutional Relations Agreement: Intergovernmental Relations Annual Report**

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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 – 5 June 2025

### **3.9 Inter–Institutional Relations Agreement: Council of the Nations and Regions Meeting and other Intergovernmental Meetings**

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the First Minister to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee – 9 June 2025

### **3.10 Marking of Retail Goods Regulations 2025**

(Pages 34 – 35)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs – 9 June 2025

### **3.11 Inter–Ministerial Group on UK–EU Relations**

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning – 9 June 2025

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

10.30

**Private session**

10.30 – 11.45

**5 Food Processing: consideration of evidence**

10.30 – 10.40

**6 Trade update**

10.40 – 11.00

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Attached Documents:

Trade update paper

**7 Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA): consideration of draft chapter**

11.00 – 11.15

(To Follow)

Attached Documents:

Draft Chapter

**8 Apprenticeship Pathways: consideration of draft report**

11.15 – 11.45

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Attached Documents:

Draft report