

Concise Minutes – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 4 – Tŷ Hywel
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 26 June 2025

Meeting time: 09.44 – 12.54

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Andrew RT Davies MS (Chair) Hefin David MS Samuel Kurtz MS Jenny Rathbone MS
Witnesses:	Rob Stewart, Swansea Bay City Region Dr Jon Burnes, Swansea Bay City Deal Craig Griffiths, Corporate Joint Committee for South West Wales Hedd Vaughan–Evans, Ambition North Wales Charlie McCoubrey, North Wales Corporate Joint Committee (CJC)
Committee Staff:	Robert Donovan (Clerk) Rachael Davies (Second Clerk) Nicole Haylor–Mott (Deputy Clerk) Ben Stokes (Researcher)



1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Hannah Blythyn MS and Luke Fletcher MS.

2 City and Growth Deals: Panel 3 – Swansea Bay City Deal

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from Councillor Rob Stewart (Corporate Joint Committee for South West Wales, and Swansea Bay City Region Joint Committee), Dr Jon Burnes (Swansea Bay City Deal), and Craig Griffiths (Corporate Joint Committee for South West Wales).

3 City and Growth Deals: Panel 4 – North Wales Growth Deal

3.1 The Committee heard evidence from Councillor Charlie McCoubrey (North Wales Corporate Joint Committee (CJC)), and Hedd Vaughan–Evans (Ambition North Wales).

4 Papers to note

4.1 The Committee noted the papers.

- 4.1 Follow-up to the committee meeting held on 4 June 2025: City and Growth Deals**
- 4.2 International agreements: Amendments to the International Labour Convention on the Recognition of a Safe and Healthy Working Environment as a Fundamental Principle**
- 4.3 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget: Consultation with Senedd Committees on documentation supporting Draft Budget scrutiny**
- 4.4 Welsh Government's response to the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee report: Legislative Consent Memoranda for the Data (Use and Access) Bill**
- 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 under items 2 and 3.
- 6.2 The Committee also resolved to draft and publish a short report, once the evidence gathering for the inquiry has concluded.

7 Feedback from visit to Port Talbot Steelworks Community Support Centre

- 7.1 The Committee discussed their thoughts and findings from their visit to the Community Support Centre in Port Talbot, which took place on Thursday 19 June.
- 7.2 The Committee agreed to draft correspondence in follow-up to this visit.