

Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee Remit

July 2020

Purpose

1. The paper sets out the remit and responsibilities of the Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee.

Recommendation

2. The Committee is invited to note its remit.

Background

3. The rules and procedures of the Senedd are laid out in Standing Orders. Standing Order 16.1 requires the Senedd to establish committees with power within their remit to:

"(i) examine the expenditure, administration and policy of the government and associated public bodies;

(ii) examine legislation;

(iii) undertake other functions specified in Standing Orders; and

(iv) consider any matter affecting Wales."

4. In doing this, the Business Committee has to ensure that every area of responsibility of the Welsh Government and associated public bodies, and all matters relating to the legislative competence of the Senedd and functions of the Welsh Ministers and of the Counsel General, are subject to committee scrutiny.



Committee remit

5. The remit of this Committee, as agreed by the Senedd on 23 June 2021, is:

"To examine legislation and hold the Welsh Government to account by scrutinising its expenditure, administration and policy matters, encompassing (but not restricted to): economic development, regeneration, skills, trade, research and development (including technology and science), and rural affairs."

6. Further details on the wider roles and responsibilities of Senedd committees are set out in the Business Committee's report Sixth Senedd Committees Titles and remits laid before the Senedd on 23 June 2021.