

Agenda – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:	For further information contact:
Hybrid – Committee room 5 Ty Hywel and video Conference via Zoom	Robert Donovan Committee Clerk
Meeting date: 4 May 2023	0300 200 6565
Meeting time: 09.30	SeneddEconomy@senedd.wales

Private pre-meeting (09.15–09.30)

Public Meeting (09.30–11.45)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

(09.30)

2 Papers to note

(09.30)

2.1 Letter from the Chair of the Finance Committee to Committee Chairs

(Pages 1 – 2)

Attached Documents:

Scrutiny of the Draft Budget 2023–24: Evidence provided by the Welsh
Government

2.2 Letter from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd

(Pages 3 – 4)

Attached Documents:

Food (Wales) Bill: Follow up to evidence session on 1 March



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2.3 Letter from the Minister for Levelling Up

(Pages 5 – 6)

Attached Documents:

Post-EU Funding

Letter from the Chair to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations

2.4 Letter from the Chair to the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd

(Pages 7 – 8)

Attached Documents:

Organics regulations

2.5 Letter from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

(Pages 9 – 11)

Attached Documents:

Meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Group for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs – 6 March 2023

2.6 Letter from the Minister for Economy and the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd

(Pages 12 – 18)

Attached Documents:

Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill

Letter from the Chair to the Minister for Economy and Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd – 8 February

2.7 Letter from the Chair to the Llywydd, and Chair of the Business Committee

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Attached Documents:

Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill

2.8 Letter from the Chair to the Minister for Economy

(Pages 20 – 21)

Attached Documents:

UK-Ukraine Free Trade & Strategic Partnership Agreement – 28 March 2023

Welsh Government's response – 21 April 2022

2.9 Letter from the Development Bank of Wales

(Pages 22 – 23)

Attached Documents:

Follow up to the Annual Scrutiny session on 1 March – Carbon Offsetting Scheme

2.10 Letter from the Minister for Economy

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Attached Documents:

Border Controls

2.11 Letter from the Minister for Economy and the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd

(Pages 25 – 41)

Attached Documents:

Welsh Government's response to the Committee's report – Scrutiny of the Welsh Government's Draft Budget 2023/24

**2.12 Letter from the Minister for Economy to Confederation of Business Industry
(CBI) Wales Director**

(Pages 42 – 44)

Attached Documents:

Reported allegations of misconduct at the CBI

2.13 Letter from the Chair of the Finance Committee

(Pages 45 – 47)

Attached Documents:

Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25: Engagement

**2.14 Letter from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd to
the Chair of the Finance Committee**

(Pages 48 – 49)

Attached Documents:

Cost of implementing the Food (Wales) Bill

3 Post-EU regional development funding: Academics and think tanks

(09.30–10.30)

(Pages 50 – 112)

Professor Steve Fothergill, Centre for Regional Economic and Social Research,
Sheffield Hallam University

Adam Hawksbee, Deputy Director, Onward

Joe Rossiter, Policy and External Affairs Manager, Institute of Welsh Affairs

Attached Documents:

Evidence paper – Professor Steve Fothergill

Evidence paper – Onward

Evidence paper – Institute of Welsh Affairs

Research brief

Break (10.30–10.40)

4 Post-EU regional development funding: Local Authorities

(10.40–11.40)

(Pages 113 – 118)

Councillor James Gibson-Watt, Leader of Powys County Council

Councillor Mark Norris, Cabinet Member for Development and Prosperity,
Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council

Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn, Leader of Cyngor Gwynedd

Councillor Rob Stewart, Leader of Swansea Council

Attached Documents:

Evidence paper – Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council

5 Food (Wales) Bill: Stage 1 report

(11.40–11.45)

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

(11.45)

Private (11.45–12.10)

7 Consideration of evidence following the meeting

(11.45–12.00)

8 Options for Committee visit

(12.00–12.10)