

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

Meeting Venue:

Hybrid – Committee room 5 Ty Hywel and video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 4 May 2023

Meeting time: 09.30 – 11.58

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## Hybrid

### Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Paul Davies MS (Chair) Hefin David MS Luke Fletcher MS Vikki Howells MS Samuel Kurtz MS Sarah Murphy MS
Witnesses:	Professor Steve Fothergill, Sheffield Hallam University Adam Hawksbee, Onward UK Joe Rossiter, Institute of Welsh Affairs Councillor James Gibson-Watt, Powys County Council Councillor Mark Norris, Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn, Gwynedd Council Councillor Rob Stewart, Swansea Council



Committee Staff:	Rob Donovan, Clerc Lara Date, Ail Glerc Evan Jones, Dirprwy Glerc Ceri Thomas, Swyddog Cymorth y Pwyllgor Sara Moran, Ymchwilydd Gareth Thomas, Ymchwilydd Katie Wyatt, Cyngorydd Cyfreithiol
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## **1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## **2 Papers to note**

2.1 The Committee noted the papers.

- 2.1 Letter from the Chair of the Finance Committee to Committee Chairs
- 2.2 Letter from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd
- 2.3 Letter from the Minister for Levelling Up
- 2.4 Letter from the Chair to the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd
- 2.5 Letter from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee
- 2.6 Letter from the Minister for Economy and the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd
- 2.7 Letter from the Chair to the Llywydd, and Chair of the Business Committee
- 2.8 Letter from the Chair to the Minister for Economy
- 2.9 Letter from the Development Bank of Wales
- 2.10 Letter from the Minister for Economy
- 2.11 Letter from the Minister for Economy and the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd
- 2.12 Letter from the Minister for Economy to Confederation of Business Industry (CBI) Wales Director
- 2.13 Letter from the Chair of the Finance Committee
- 2.14 Letter from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd to the Chair of the Finance Committee
- 3 Post-EU regional development funding: Academics and think tanks
  - 3.1 The Committee heard evidence from the panel.

## **4 Post-EU regional development funding: Local Authorities**

4.1 The Committee heard evidence from the panel.

4.2 The Committee agreed to write to the leader of Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council regarding what the challenges are with regards to some aspects of regional delivery of the Shared Prosperity Fund and what discussions have been held with the UK Government regarding this.

## **5 Food (Wales) Bill: Stage 1 report**

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

6.1 The Motion to exclude the public for the remainder of the meeting was agreed.

## **7 Consideration of evidence following the meeting**

7.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

## **8 Options for Committee visit**

8.1 The Committee agreed to discuss this at its next meeting.