

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

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 21 October 2021

Meeting time: 14.35 – 16.30

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## Hybrid

### Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Paul Davies MS (Chair) Vikki Howells MS Samuel Kurtz MS Cefin Campbell MS Sarah Murphy MS Carolyn Thomas MS
Witnesses:	Lesley Griffiths MS, Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Local Government Gwenllian Roberts, Welsh Government Christianne Glossop, Chief Veterinary Officer, Welsh Government Tim Render, Welsh Government Matt McKeown, Welsh Government



	James Fenwick, Welsh Government Gawain Evans, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Robert Donovan (Clerk) Lara Date (Second Clerk) Robert Lloyd-Williams (Deputy Clerk) Aled Evans (Legal Adviser) Katie Wyatt (Legal Adviser)

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

1.1 Apologies were received from Hefin David MS and Luke Fletcher MS

1.2 Carolyn Thomas substituted for Hefin David MS and Cefin Campbell substituted for Luke Fletcher MS

1.3 Samuel Kurtz declared he was a member of Pembrokeshire Young Farmers Club and Wales Federation of Young Farmers Clubs

1.4 Paul Davies declared an interest to item 2 on the agenda, a letter from the Minister for Economy about border control force referring to the possibility of locating a post in his constituency.

## **2 Paper(s) to note**

**2.1 Letter from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd Re: The Official Controls (Extension of Transitional Periods) (England & Wales) Regulations 2021**

2.1.1 The letter was noted by the Committee

**2.2 Letter from Minister for Education and Welsh Language re: Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Professional Qualifications Bill**

2.2.1 The letter was noted by the Committee

### **2.3 Letter from the Minister for Economy re: Border Control Posts**

2.3.1 The letter was noted by the Committee

### **2.4 Letter from the Minister for Economy re: UK Shared Prosperity Fund**

2.4.1 The letter was noted by the Committee

### **2.5 Letter to the Minister for Economy re: International agreement: Free Trade Agreement between the UK, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway**

2.5.1 The letter was noted by the Committee

### **2.6 Letter from Director General Economy, Skills and Natural Resources to the Chair Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee**

2.6.1 The letter was noted by the Committee

### **2.7 Letter from the Chair Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee to President NFU Cymru**

2.7.1 The letter was noted by the Committee

## **3 Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd – General Ministerial Scrutiny**

3.1 The Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd, Lesley Griffiths MS, and Welsh Government Officials answered questions from Committee Members.

3.2 The Minister has agreed to provide an update on the figures relating to the seafood strategy for Wales that was launched in 2016.

3.3 The Minister has also agreed to look into the possibility of checks on microchips in dogs at border controls and provide the committee with a response.

#### **4 Minister for Finance and Local Government – Subsidy Control Bill**

4.1 The Minister for Finance and Local Government, Rebecca Evans MS and Welsh Government Officials answered questions from Committee Members.

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

5.1 The Committee agreed the motion

#### **6 Private**

6.1 Members considered the evidence heard during the session meeting, and agreed an approach to reporting on the Subsidy Control Bill LCM