

Concise Minutes – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 3 March 2022

Meeting time: 09.32 – 14.00

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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:	David Chapman, UK Hospitality Cymru Iestyn Davies, Colleges Wales Suzy Davies, Wales Tourism Alliance Michael Gasiorek, University of Sussex Business School Sara Jones, Wales Retail Consortium Sam Lowe, Flint Global Jeff Protheroe, National Training Federation Wales Arwyn Watkins, National Training Federation Wales James Scorey, Cardiff and Vale College



	<p>Emily Rees, European Centre for International Political Economy</p> <p>Shavanah Taj, TUC Wales</p> <p>Michael Bewick, North Wales Tourism Forum</p> <p>Mark Turner, Unite</p> <p>Dr Victoria Winckler, Bevan Foundation</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>Robert Donovan (Clerk)</p> <p>Lara Date (Second Clerk)</p> <p>Robert Lloyd-Williams (Deputy Clerk)</p> <p>Aled Evans (Legal Adviser)</p> <p>Rhun Davies (Researcher)</p> <p>Ben Stokes (Researcher)</p> <p>Gareth David Thomas (Researcher)</p>

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 There were no apologies or substitutions

1.2 Sarah Murphy declared interests as a member of Unite the Union and also of the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers. Sam Kurtz declared interests as chair of Pembrokeshire young farmers and director of the Wales Federation of Young Farmers Clubs as a charitable trust.

2 Paper(s) to note

The papers were noted

- 2.1 Letter from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd
- 2.2 Letter from Chair of Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee
- 2.3 Letter from Chair of Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee
- 2.4 Letter from Chair of Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee
- 2.5 Letter from Minister for Economy
- 2.6 Letter from Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd
- 2.7 Letter from Chair of Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee
- 2.8 Letter from Chair of Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee
- 2.9 Letter from Chair of Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee
- 2.10 Letter from Minister for Education and Welsh Language
- 2.11 Letter from Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd
- 2.12 Letter from Minister for Education and Welsh Language
- 2.13 Letter from the Minister for Rural Affairs, North Wales & Trefnydd
- 2.14 Letter from Huw Morris, Group Director SHELL, Welsh Government
- 2.15 Letter from Chair Children, Young People and Education Committee
- 3 Hospitality, retail and tourism issues – Business representatives**
 - 3.1 The witnesses answered questions from Committee Members
- 4 Hospitality, retail and tourism issues – Trade Unions and Bevan Foundation**
 - 4.1 The witnesses answered questions from Committee Members

5 Hospitality, retail and tourism issues – Skills sector

5.1 The witnesses answered questions from Committee Members

5.2 Iestyn Davies from Colegau Cymru would provide the Committee with a copy of its research report “Gammon, egg and chips in a pub night after night”

6 UK–Australia Free Trade Agreement

6.1 Sam Kurtz re–stated his links with Wales Federation of Young Farmers Clubs and as a beef farmer's son. Witnesses answered Members’ questions.

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

7.1 The Committee agreed the motion

8 Private

8.1 Members considered the evidence heard during the session.

8.2 The Committee considered the paper on Common Frameworks and agreed to prioritise scrutiny of, and receiving technical briefings at the following meeting on, the three Frameworks on Agricultural Support; Fertilisers: and Animal Health and Welfare.

8.3 The Committee would also be undertaking scrutiny of the Fisheries Management and Support framework as part of its consideration of the Draft Joint Fisheries Statement.