

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: 24 November 2022	0300 200 6565
Meeting time: 09.30	SeneddEconomy@senedd.wales

Private pre-meeting (09.15–09.30)

Public Meeting (09.30–10.30)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

(09.30)

2 Paper(s) to note

(09.30)

2.1 Letter to Public Health Wales

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Attached Documents:

Agriculture (Wales) Bill – Proposals to prohibit the use of glue traps in Wales

Public Health Wales' response



3 Cost of living pressures and the Young Person's Guarantee

(09.30–10.30)

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Barry Walters, Principal of Pembrokeshire College and Chair of the Strategic Work Based Learning Group

Lisa Mytton, Strategic Director, National Training Federation for Wales

John Graystone, Interim Director for Wales, Learning and Work Institute

Kay Smith, Head of Campaigns, Development and Policy, Learning and Work Institute

Attached Documents:

Research brief

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

(10.30)

5 Private

(10.30–10.40)

Consideration of evidence following the meeting

6 Agriculture (Wales) Bill: Consider key issues and themes for reporting

(10.40–12.10)

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Attached Documents:

Key issues and themes for reporting

Agenda Item 2.1

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Tracey Cooper
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11 November 2022

Dear Tracey,

Agriculture (Wales) Bill – Proposals to prohibit the use of glue traps in Wales

In Committee on 9 November Members took evidence on the general principles of the Agriculture (Wales) Bill, in particular on the proposals in Part 5 of the Bill to prohibit use of snares and glue traps.

In evidence from trade bodies in pest control - the British Pest Control Association (BPCA) and the National Pest Technicians Association (NPTA) – it was stated that removing glue traps as an option for rodent control by professional pest controllers would have a detrimental effect on public health, and that the proposals were an important public health issue. However the Chief Executive of the BPCA said he was awaiting a response from Public Health Wales on its opinion on the proposals.

The Committee notes that Welsh Government's summary of responses to a targeted consultation on glue traps does not reference a position from Public Health Wales.

The Committee would welcome knowing Public Health Wales's position on the proposals. It would be helpful if this included more information on how widespread use of glue traps is in Welsh public buildings such as schools and hospitals, what alternative methods it envisages being used for rodent control to protect public health following a total ban, and whether PHW has any other concerns or views on the likely implications of a ban in Wales.



The Committee's consultation on the Bill concludes this Friday 11 November, and the Minister will be questioned further on the Bill in Committee next Wednesday 16 November, after which the Committee will formulate its report on the proposals. Therefore a response on this matter as soon as possible would be greatly appreciated by Members.

The written and oral evidence on this issue can be found at the link above, and a link to the Bill and explanatory memorandum can be found [here](#).

We look forward to a response at your earliest convenience.

Kind regards,



Paul Davies MS

Chair: Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

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15 November 2022

Paul Davies MS
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Dear Mr Davies,

Re: Agriculture (Wales) Bill – Proposals to prohibit the use of glue traps in Wales

Thank you for your email and letter of 11 November, to which Tracey Cooper has asked me to respond.

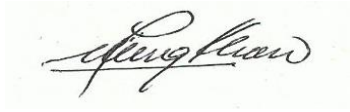
I am not sighted on the request from the British Pest Control Association to Public Health Wales for advice.

The control of pests is a regulated activity that allows local authorities and licensed businesses to carry out pest control where there is a significant risk of damage being caused by pests. There are also detrimental effects of pests, such as the transmission of infectious diseases, and therefore, it is in the interest of public health to have effective pest control measures where there is a risk.

Our view is that the method of pest control is a matter of using the most humane and effective option as there is no doubt that under certain circumstances, pests pose a threat to public health. We are not able to comment on the merits of alternative methods of pest control and would look to experts in this field of practice to advise. Furthermore, as we do not monitor this activity, we are not able to provide information on the deployment of glue traps in public buildings in Wales.

I hope this helps with the Committee discussion tomorrow.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fu Meng Khaw', written in a cursive style on a light-colored background.

Dr Fu Meng Khaw
National Director of Screening and Health Protection Services/Executive
Medical Director

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