

# Agenda – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Committee room 5 – Tŷ Hywel  
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 9 October 2025

Meeting time: 09.30

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## Hybrid

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### Private pre-meeting

09.15 – 09.30

### Public session

09.30 – 12.20

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

09.30

### 2 Future of Welsh Steel: Panel 1

09.30 – 10.30

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Rajesh Nair, CEO, Tata Steel UK

Chris Jaques, Chief HR Officer, Tata Steel UK

Attached Documents:

Research brief



## **Break**

10.30 – 10.40

## **3 Future of Welsh Steel: Panel 2**

10.40 – 11.40

Alasdair McDiarmid, Assistant General Secretary, Community Union

Jason Bartlett, National Officer for Tata Steel UK, Unite the Union Wales

Tom Hoyles, Press Administration and Research, GMB Union

## **Break**

11.40 – 11.50

## **4 Future of Welsh Steel: Panel 3**

11.50 – 12.20

Dan Williams (Community), Deputy Chair, Multi Union Committee, Tata Steel Port Talbot

Ian Williams (Unite), Secretary, Multi Union Committee, Tata Steel Port Talbot

## **5 Papers to note**

12.20

### **5.1 Aberthaw procurement**

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Chair of Cardiff Capital Region – 30 September 2025

## **5.2 Global Centre of Rail Excellence**

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Secretary of State for Transport and Secretary of State for Wales, UK Government – 30 September 2025

Letter from the Chair to the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales, Welsh Government – 30 September 2025

## **5.3 Reviewing Committee Effectiveness in the Sixth Senedd**

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to Y Llywydd, and Chair of Chairs' Forum – 1 October 2025

## **5.4 Follow-up from the Committee meeting held on 17 July 2025: Junior apprenticeships**

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Education – 2 October 2025

## **6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of today's meeting, Standing Order 17.42(vi) for the whole of the meeting on 16 October 2025, and Standing Orders 17.42(vii) and 17.42(ix) for the whole of the meeting on 22 October 2025**

12.20

## **Private session**

12.20 – 12.45

### **7 Future of Welsh Steel: Consideration of evidence**

12.20 – 12.35

### **8 International trade monitoring report discussion**

12.35 – 12.45

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Attached Documents:

International trade monitoring report