

Agenda – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 4 – Tŷ Hywel
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 5 February 2026

Meeting time: 09.30

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Hybrid

**** There will be periodic comfort breaks called by the Chair ****

Private pre-meeting

09.15 – 09.30

Public session

09.30 – 16.00

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

09.30

2 Papers to note

09.30

2.1 Sea Fisheries (Amendment) Regulations 2026

(Pages 1 – 2)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate

Change and Rural Affairs – 22 January 2026



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2.2 Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee report: Scrutiny of the Welsh Government's Draft Budget 2026–27

(Pages 3 – 27)

Attached Documents:

Welsh Government response – Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning – 23 January 2026

Welsh Government response – Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs – 26 January 2026

2.3 Industry Wales

(Pages 28 – 33)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair and the CEO of Industry Wales – 21 January 2026

2.4 Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee report: Development of Tourism and Regulation of Visitor Accommodation (Wales) Bill: Stage 1 report

(Pages 34 – 39)

Attached Documents:

Further responses from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language – 27 January 2026

2.5 Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee report: Development Bank of Wales

(Pages 40 – 47)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair of the Development Bank of Wales – 28 January 2026

2.6 Holyhead Port Closure

(Pages 48 – 52)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Road Haulage Association – 23 January 2026

Letter from the Irish Road Haulage Association – 27 January 2026

Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales – 29 January 2026

2.7 Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement

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Attached Documents:

Meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Group on UK-EU relations – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning – 29 January 2026

2.8 Follow-up from the committee meeting held on 21 January 2026 – Inward Investment

(Pages 54 – 55)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to stakeholders – 30 January 2026

2.9 Inward Investment

(Pages 56 – 61)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to Global Welsh – 30 January 2026

Letter from the Chair to the New York Welsh – 30 January 2026

Letter from the Chair to the British Chambers of Commerce – 30 January 2026

3 Development of Tourism and Regulation of Visitor Accommodation (Wales) Bill: Stage 2 proceedings

09.30 – 16.00

Rt Hon Mark Drakeford MS, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language, Welsh Government

Robbie Thomas, Head of Licensing of Visitor Accommodation, Welsh Government

Rebecca Hawkins, Legislative Policy Adviser, Licensing of Visitor Accommodation, Welsh Government

Kate Lewandowska, Office of the Legislative Counsel, Welsh Government

Documents relevant to Stage 2 proceedings will be available on the [Bill page](#).

The Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee agreed on [21 January 2026](#), under Standing Order 26.21, that the order of consideration for Stage 2 proceedings would be:

Sections 1–4; Schedule 1; Sections 5–14; Schedule 2; Sections 15–60; Long Title.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(vi) to resolve to exclude the public from the next meeting on Wednesday 11 February 2026

16.00