

Policy Forum for Wales Keynote Seminar: Brexit and the Welsh Economy

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 5th December 2017

Venue: Jurys Inn Cardiff, 1 Park Place, Cardiff CF10 3DN

Agenda subject to change



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Nathan Gill MEP/AM
- 9.05 - 9.30 **Policy priorities for Wales following Brexit**
Desmond Clifford, Director, Office of the First Minister, Welsh Government
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 10.35 **Challenges and opportunities facing Wales' major sectors post-Brexit**
- Priorities for businesses in Wales: developing sustainable economic growth post-Brexit*
Liz Maher, President, South and Mid Wales Chambers of Commerce and Director, Centurion VAT Specialists
- Reforming farming in Wales outside the EU Common Agricultural Policy*
Dr Nick Fenwick, Head of Policy, Farmers' Union of Wales
- Ensuring stability and seizing growth opportunities in Wales' manufacturing industry beyond Brexit*
Steve Smith, Director, UK Transformation, Tata Steel
- Welsh higher education - staffing, maintaining investment and attracting international students*
Professor Elizabeth Treasure, Vice-Chancellor, Aberystwyth University
- Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 - 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Nathan Gill MEP/AM
- 10.40 - 11.10 Coffee
- 11.10 - 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Abi Kay, Chief Reporter, Farmers Guardian
- 11.15 - 11.55 **Encouraging investment and promoting regeneration in Wales' communities**
Giles Thorley, Chief Executive, Finance Wales
Lowri Gwilym, Team Manager Europe and Regeneration, Welsh Local Government Association
Steve Smith, Chair, Wales Exporters Association
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.55 - 12.35 **Next steps for trade policy in Wales: attracting workers, stabilising trade law and exploring new markets**
Ros Kellaway, Head, EU Competition and Regulatory Group and Partner, Eversheds Sutherland
Tim Rycroft, Director of Corporate Affairs, Food and Drink Federation
Richard Ballantyne, Chief Executive, British Ports Association
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.35 - 12.55 **Implications of Brexit for the Welsh economy**
David Rees AM, Chair, External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**
Abi Kay, Chief Reporter, Farmers Guardian
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Wales