Reading List

Economic Development and Regeneration

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The National Assembly for Wales is the democratically elected body that represents the interests of Wales and its people, makes laws for Wales and holds the Welsh Government to account.
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**Economic Development**
- The Welsh Government’s business support service: *Business Wales*.
- The Council for Economic Renewal provides advice to the Welsh Government to help inform economic and business policies in Wales. It is chaired by the First Minister.
- The Welsh Government has identified 9 priority sectors, along with a number of anchor companies and regionally important companies.
- The Welsh Government markets Wales as a place in which to live, study, visit and do business on the Wales.com website.
- Fourth Assembly Enterprise and Business Committee inquiry into the Welsh Government’s approach to trade and inward investment.
- The Tata Task Force was set up in January 2016 following the announcement of potential job losses at the Tata steelworks in Port Talbot.
- The Research Service briefings on steel in Wales: pressures facing the industry and potential Welsh Government support.
- The Welsh Government’s Enterprise Zone web pages: including information on the new Port Talbot Waterfront zone.
- The Welsh Government’s city regions webpages and the announcement of the agreement of a £1.2 billion City Deal for the Cardiff Capital Region.
- The Welsh Government’s webpages on EU funding in Wales.
- In 2014, prior to the devolution of Business Rates to Welsh Ministers in April 2015, the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport established a *Business Rates Panel* to take an overview of the range of recommendations that had previously been made on this issue and to consider a strategic approach to business rates following devolution.
- The Welsh Government’s Sell2Wales website: this is a public sector procurement portal where businesses can look for public sector work.
- BT’s Superfast Cymru website: Superfast Cymru is the largely publicly-funded BT project to roll out next generation broadband across Wales.
- Research Service briefing on the latest GVA statistics for Wales, December 2015.
- Research Service briefing on the latest labour market statistics for Wales, March 2016.
Finance Wales

- **Finance Wales** is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Welsh Government which makes investments in Welsh small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs) to help them grow.

- The report of the task and finish group established by the Welsh Government to consider the feasibility of creating a development bank for Wales.

- In 2014 the Finance Committee of the Fourth Assembly undertook an inquiry into the operation and future role of Finance Wales.

Tourism


- Fourth Assembly Enterprise and Business Committee inquiry into tourism.

- The website of the **Wales Tourism Alliance**: the WTA is the industry body for tourism in Wales.

Regeneration

- The Welsh Government’s regeneration framework: **Vibrant and Viable Places**.

- Fourth Assembly Enterprise and Business Committee inquiry into the regeneration of town centres.