

# Reading List Economic Development and Regeneration

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## Economic Development

- The Welsh Government’s economic development strategy **Economic Renewal: a new direction**.
- 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 publishes an **Annual Statement on Support for Business** (last published June 2015).
- 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.
- Research Service briefing on **Businesses in Wales: the latest statistical trends**, December 2015.
- 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

- The Welsh Government's tourism strategy: **Partnership for Growth: Strategy for Tourism 2013-2020**.
- 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**.