#### **Agriculture & Rural Development Committee**

**ARD 17-00(agd)** 

#### Agenda

**Date:** Wednesday 22 November 2000

**Time:** 9.00am to 12.25pm

**Venue:** Committee Room, National Assembly Building

### Item 1: Apologies and substitutions and declarations of interest

#### **Item 2: Minister's report** (9.00am to 9.20am)

The Committee will receive a report from the Minister.

**Papers:** ARD 17-00(p1)

Officials: Huw Brodie, Director, Agriculture Department

# **Item 3: Agri-Food Partnership** (9.20am to 10.15am)

The Committee will receive a report from the Lamb and Beef Sector Group

**Papers:** ARD 17-00(p2a) ARD 17-00(p2b)

In attendance: Richard Howells, Chair, Lamb and Beef Sector Group

Christine Lewis, Agri-Food Partnership Wynfford James, Agri-Food Partnership

Rees Roberts, Chair, Welsh Lamb and Beef Promotions

Don Thomas, Welsh Lamb and Beef Promotions

Break 10.15am to 10.30am

# **Item 4: Diversification Review** (10.30am to 12.15pm)

The Committee will meet private sector individuals with relevant practical experience to explore current

practices and problems in relation to supporting, encouraging and creating rural business and then representatives of Business Connect to examine their part in the provision of support and advice to rural business.

**Papers:** ARD 17-00(p5); ARD 17-00(p6)

**In attendance:** Aled Griffiths, Wales YFC

Shân Ashton, Capel Curig Rural Integrated Project Richard Thomas, Montgomery Rural Enterprise

David Pritchard, Business Connect Wales

Andrew Leonard, Board Member, Business Connect Wales

Professor Terry Marsden, Expert Adviser

### **Item 5: Ombudsman Report and Response** (12.15pm to 12.20pm)

The Committee will consider a draft response to a report from the Welsh Administration Ombudsman under standing order 21.

**Papers:** ARD 17-00(p3)

# **Item 6: Minutes of 8 November meeting** (12.20pm to 12.25pm)

The Committee will be asked to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2000

**Papers:** ARD 16-00(min)

# Paper to note

**European Legislation -** ARD 17-00(p4)

A paper on the impact of European legislation on the committee's work