Agriculture & Rural Development Committee ARD 18-00(agd)

Agenda

Date: Wednesday 6 December 2000

Time: 9.00am to 12.30pm

Venue: Committee Room, National Assembly Building

Item 1: Apologies and substitutions and declarations of interest

Item 2: Minister's report (9.00am to 9.30am)

The Committee will receive a report from the Minister.

Papers: ARD 18-00(p1)

Officials: Huw Brodie, Director, Agriculture Department

Rory O'Sullivan, Head, Agriculture Policy Division,

Mike Dunn, Head, Food and Farming Development Division

Item 3: Diversification Review (9.30am to 10.55am)

The Committee will receive a presentation on the Mid Wales Integrated Skills Action Plan.

Papers: ARD 18-00(p2)

In attendance: Grenville Jackson, Mid Wales Training and Enterprise Council

Enir Burrowes, Mid Wales Training and Enterprise Council

Peter Rees, Coleg Sir Gâr

John Harries, Welsh Institute for Rural Studies

Professor Terry Marsden, Expert Adviser

Break 10.55am to 11.05am

Item 4: Woodlands Strategy (11.05am to 11.45am)

The Committee will receive a report from the Forestry Commission on the Woodlands Strategy

Papers: ARD 18-00(p3)

In attendance: Simon Hewitt, Forestry Commission

Item 5: Phillips Report (11.45am to 12.15pm)

The Committee will receive a report assessing the latest position on BSE in cattle in Wales and the effectiveness of animal health control measures

Papers: ARD 18-00(p4)

In attendance: Huw Brodie, Director, Agriculture Department

Rory O'Sullivan, Head, Agriculture Policy Division

Gwyn Jones, Agriculture Policy Division

Tony Edwards, Assistant Chief Veterinary Officer for Wales Joy Whinney, Director for Wales, Food Standards Agency

Item 6: Ombudsman's Reports (12.15pm to 12.25pm)

The Committee will consider the procedure for future handling of Ombudsman's reports in committee

Papers: ARD 18-00(p5)

In attendance:

Item 7: Public appointments (12.25pm)

The Committee will nominate two members to consider public appointments

Item 8: Minutes of previous meeting (12.30pm)

The Committee will be asked to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 2000

Papers: ARD 17-00(min)