

## Economic Development Committee EDC 12-02(Agenda)

**Date:** 26 June 2002

**Time:** 1.30– 4.25pm

**Venue:** Principality House, National Botanic Gardens, Llanarthne, Carmarthenshire

### Item 1: Chairs opening remarks (5 mins)

### Item 2: Economic Development Minister's report (25 mins)

**Purpose:** To provide an opportunity for the Committee to discuss urgent or emerging issues.

**Papers:** EDC 12-02(p1) Economic Development Minister's Report.

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### Item 3: Structural Funds reporting – including reports from PMC Chairs (45 mins)

**Purpose:** For the Committee to consider progress on Objectives 1,2 & 3 and receive oral reports on the latest PMC meetings.

**Papers:** EDC 12-02(p2) Structural Funds Quarterly Report

**Officials:** John Clarke (WEFO)

Caroline Turner (WEFO)

Phil Gray (WEFO)

Sheila Maxwell (WEFO)

David Howarth (WEFO)

**In attendance:** Christine Chapman – PMC Chair, Objective 1

John Griffiths – PMC Chair, Objective 2 & Objective 3

Item 4: Techniums – policy discussion (45 mins)

**Purpose:** To discuss the development of techniums in Wales and how they contribute to the Economic Development Minister's policies to promote innovation, high-tec businesses etc

**Papers:** EDC 12-02(p3) Discussion paper on the Technium programme from the Economic Development Minister.

**Officials:** Clive Rees (ISG)

**In attendance:** Gareth Hall (WDA)

Item 5: Minutes of previous meeting (10 mins)

**Papers:** EDC 11-02 Minutes (Draft)

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## **Break for 15 Minutes**

Item 6: Presentation by National Botanic Garden of Wales (30 mins)

**Purpose:** To discuss progress at the National Botanic Garden of Wales including the Biotechnium.

**In attendance:** Evelyn Thurlby – Chief Operating Officer, National Botanic Gardens.

Alan Hayward – Chairman, Board of Trustees, National Botanic Garden of Wales.

Dr Rhodri Griffiths, Managing Director, Cambrian Ventures

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