

Economic Development and Transport Committee

Minutes EDT(2) 01-06

Meeting date: 11 January 2006

Meeting time: 9.00 -12.20

Meeting venue: National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay

Assembly Members in Attendance

Assembly Member	Constituency
Christine Gwyther (Chair)	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Leighton Andrews	Rhondda
Alun Cairns	South Wales West
Andrew Davies (Minister for Economic Development and Transport)	Swansea West
Janet Davies	South Wales West
Alun Ffred Jones	Caernarfon
Carl Sargeant	Alyn & Deeside
Kirsty Williams	Brecon and Radnorshire

Officials in Attendance

Name	Job Title
David Pritchard	Director, Economic Development and Transport Department
Robin Shaw	Chief Executive, Transport Wales
Piers Bisson	Economic Policy Division
Chris Hale	Office of the Chief Technology Officer

Liz Cassidy	Policy Officer, EU Brussels Office
Graham Winter	Members Research and Committee Service

Others in Attendance

Name	Representing	Agenda item(s)
Bob Cherryman	Head of Energy Saving Trust Wales	4
Guto Owen	Carmarthenshire Energy Agency	4

Committee Service

Name	Job Title
Claire Morris	Clerk
Sarah Bartlett	Deputy Clerk

Item 1: Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Alun Ffred Jones to the Committee and looked forward to working with him. The Chair also welcomed the new Clerk to the Committee, Claire Morris.

1.2 There were no declarations of interest.

1.3 A verbatim record of the meeting is available

Item 2: EDT Minister's Report

Paper: EDT(2) 01-06 (p.1)

2.1 The EDT Minister introduced his report

Actions Points:

- The EDT Minister agreed to provide a written note to the Committee on the outcome of the

finalised EU budget and the proposed timescale

The Chair noted that there would be an update on Regional Aid Guidelines at the EDT meeting on 8 February

- The EDT Minister agreed to involve the Committee in drawing up the single programming document
- The Clerk agreed to arrange briefing for Members on structural funds
- The EDT Minister agreed to provide a note to the Committee on the flight times and destination airport of the air service between Cardiff and Brussels
- The EDT Minister agreed to provide a note to the Committee on Civil Service posts in Wales in the context of the Lyons Review.
- The EDT Minister agreed to provide a paper to the Committee on energy costs for companies

Item 3: Wales A Vibrant Economy: WAVE

Paper: EDT(2) 01-06 (p.2)

3.1 The EDT Minister introduced the Report

Actions Points:

- The EDT Minister agreed to provide a note to the Committee on the timescale of the wider roll out of pilot schemes referred to in WAVE
- The Chair noted that there would be an update on the Knowledge Bank for Business at the EDT meeting on the 8th February
- The EDT Minister agreed to circulate a note to Members on the criteria used for choosing the companies involved in the Knowledge Bank for Business
- The Chair agreed to write a letter to the EDT Minister setting out the views expressed by the Committee.

Item 4: EC Green Paper on Energy Efficiency

Paper: EDT(2) 01-06 (p.3)

EDT(2) 01-06 (p.4)

EDT(2) 01-06 (p.5)

EDT(2) 01-06 (p.6)

EDT(2) 01-06 (p.7)

4.1 The Committee welcomed the presentations

Actions Points:

- EDT Minister agreed to provide a paper to the Committee on work being done on the national

strategic reference framework document, in relation to how European structural fund programmes will be used, with particular reference to energy efficiency

- The Committee agreed to respond to the EC Green Paper

Item 5: EC Forward Work Programme

Paper: EDT(2) 01-06 (p.8)

5.1 The Committee noted the forward work programme

Actions Points:

- The Committee agreed the priorities set out in paragraph 8 of the paper

Item 6: Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

Paper: EDT(2) 16-05 - Minutes of meeting held on 8 December

Paper: EDT(2) 01-06 - Action Outstanding

- The Minutes of the meetings held on 8 December were agreed as a true record.

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