

# Economic Development and Transport Committee

## Minutes EDT(2) 02-06

**Meeting date: 26 January 2006**

**Meeting time: 9.00 -11.32**

**Meeting venue: National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay**

### Assembly Members in Attendance

<b>Assembly Member</b>	<b>Constituency</b>
Christine Gwyther (Chair)	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Leighton Andrews	Rhondda
Mick Bates	Montgomeryshire
Alun Cairns	South Wales West
Janet Davies	South Wales West
Alun Ffred Jones	Caernarfon

### Officials in Attendance

<b>Name</b>	<b>Job Title</b>
Dr Robin Fears	Expert Advisor

### Others in Attendance

<b>Name</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Agenda item(s)</b>
Dr Anita Shaw	Development Director, Techniquest and Chair of WISE in Wales	2

Virginia Chambers	Director of Technology and Innovation	3
Anthony Armitage	Senior Technology Programme Manager	3
Dr George Baxter	Head of Innovation, Science and Technology	4

## Committee Service

Name	Job Title
Chris Reading	Clerk
Sarah Bartlett	Deputy Clerk

## Item 1: Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

1.1 Apologies were received from Andrew Davies, Carl Sargeant and Kirsty Williams. The Chair welcomed Mick Bates, who was substituting for Kirsty Williams.

1.2 There were no declarations of interest.

1.3 A verbatim record of the meeting is available

1.4 The Chair left the meeting after the first item. In accordance with Standing Order 8.20, the Committee appointed Alun Cairns as temporary Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

## Item 2: Women into Science, Engineering and Construction (WISE)

### Paper: EDT(2) 02-06 (p.1)

2.1 The Committee welcomed the presentation

### Actions Points:

- Dr Anita Shaw agreed to provide the Committee with a recent study carried out by WISE looking at young girls being taught separately in schools for science subjects.
- The Chair agreed to write to the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning asking for more information on the introduction of the contemporary science G.C.S.E in 2008.

### **Item 3: The Welsh Development Agency**

**Paper: EDT(2) 02-06 (p.2)**

3.1 The Committee welcomed the presentation

### **Item 4: Northwest Regional Development Agency**

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

4.1 The Committee welcomed the presentation

#### **Actions Points:**

- Dr George Baxter agreed to provide the Committee with baseline performance measures that the Northwest Regional Development Agency use.

### **Item 5: EDT: Secondary Legislation programme**

**Paper: EDT(2) 02-06 (p.4)**

5.1 The Committee noted the Secondary Legislation Programme.

#### **Actions Points:**

- The Committee identified three new items that they would like to scrutinise in due course:

-The Highways (Assessment of Environmental Effects) (England and Wales)(Amendment) Regulations 2006;

-Commencement Order, Transport Wales Act

-Orders arising from Transport Wales Act.

### **Committee Service**