

Economic Development & Transport Committee

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Date: 29 March 2006

Time: 9.00am to 12.25pm

Venue: Committee Room 3, Senedd, Cardiff Bay

Title: Regional Aid – UK Guidelines

Background

1. The UK Government has announced that it is carrying out a review of the Assisted Areas in response to new European Commission guidelines on regional aid. On 15 February, the Department for Trade and Industry (DTI) issued the attached [consultation document](#) seeking views on the designation of future Assisted Areas from 2007 to 2013.

2. The consultation document forms part one of a two-part consultation. The closing date for representations for part one is 19th April 2006. Following part one (9 weeks), the Government will consider stakeholder responses and produce a draft map of the new Assisted Areas in Summer 2006. The draft map will be the subject of part two of the consultation, which is anticipated to be open for a period of four weeks.

Action for Subject Committee

3. The Committee is invited to consider whether it wishes to submit a formal response to the consultation.

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