

Enterprise, Innovation and Networks Committee

Minutes EIN(2) 06-06

Meeting date: 20 September 2006

Meeting time: 9.00 – 12.45

Meeting venue: Committee Room 2, Senedd, 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 Enterprise, Innovation and Networks)	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
Piers Bisson	Head of Transport and Infrastructure Policy
Gareth Edwards	Economic Advice Division
Gareth Hall	Director, Enterprise Innovation & Networks
Tim James	Head of Rail Unit
Damien O'Brien	Planning and Strategy Division
Cathy Presland	Wales European Funding Office

Julian Revell	Economic and Labour Market Statistics
Robin Shaw	Director, Transport Wales
Martin Stevenson	Transport Policy Division

Others in Attendance

Name	Job Title
Tim James	Head of Rail Unit, Department for Transport

Assembly Parliamentary Service

Name	Job Title
Claire Morris	Clerk
Abigail Phillips	Deputy Clerk
Gwyn Griffiths	APS Legal Advisor
Graham Winter	Members Research Service

Item 1: Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

1.1 No apologies were received.

1.2 Leighton Andrews declared an interest saying that his wife was Director of BT Wales, and the CBI representative for Wales

1.3 A verbatim record of the meeting is available.

Item 2: Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

Paper: EIN(2) 05-06 - Minutes of meeting held on 5 July

EIN(2) 05-06 - Action Outstanding

2.1 The Minutes of the meetings held on 5 July were agreed as a true record.

Item 3: EIN Minister's Report

Paper: EIN(2) 06-06 (p.1) – Minister's Report

EIN(2) 06-06 (p.2) – Quarterly Economic Report

EIN(2) 06-06 (p.3) – Quarterly Statistical Bulletin

3.1 The EIN Minister introduced his report.

Action Points:

- If figures are available the Minister agreed to provide (a) a regional breakdown of the numbers of businesses required to repay RSA and the amounts clawed back; and, (b) Comparative data showing Wales' performance against other nations regions of the UK.
- The Minister to issue a note on the specific details of the jobs created by nPower Renewables who have moved in to Baglan Sustainable Technologies Technium.
- The Minister would provide committee with details of the WERC projects referred to in paragraph 26 of his report and the names of the universities involved.
- A note would be provided on the possible development of a prison site on the MoD site in Deeside Industrial Park.
- Minister to provide a note on the progress taking place in relation to analysing the impact of Migrant workers on the economy.
- The Minister will provide further information on the proposed 2:1 traffic management system at A40 Llandewi Velfrey, including a list of the other places that were using it.
- A note to be provided to Committee confirming the number of cancellations made by Arriva Trains in Wales this summer
- A written report is to be provided concerning the Blackspot Action Plan, the problems involved in the provision of wireless networks to public services and the implications of RIBS on private companies.
- A timescale is to be made available to committee regarding the release of draft orders concerning the trunking of the A48 and the A494
- The minister will provide details of the type of diesel used by Arriva Trains.
- The Minister to provide clarification of how many printers listed as providing print services to the Assembly are benefiting branches in other parts of Wales.
- The Minister would provide a regional breakdown of the targets and cutbacks of enterprise agencies in Wales.

Item 4: Secondary Legislation Schedule

Paper: EIN(2) 06-06 (p.4)

4.1 The Clerk would circulate the schedule to Members after the meeting.

Item 5: Draft Transport Strategy

Paper: EIN(2) 06-06 (p.5)

5.1 The Committee considered the draft Transport Strategy.

Action Point

- The Clerk would draft a letter summarising the Committee's comments.

Item 6: The Railways (Closure Guidance) (England and Wales) Order 2006
Paper: EIN(2) 06-06 (p.6)

6.1 The Committee scrutinised the draft Order.

Action Point

- The Clerk would prepare a report for Business Committee

Item 7: Regional Transport Planning (Wales) Order 2006
Paper: EIN(2) 06-06 (p.7)

7.1 The Committee scrutinised the draft Order.

Action Point

- The Clerk would prepare a report for Business Committee

Item 8: Convergence Operational Programme Document
Paper: EIN(2) 05-06 (p.6)

8.1 The Committee discussed their response to the consultation.

Action Point

- The Clerk would draft a letter summarising the Committee's comments.

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