

Enterprise, Innovation and Networks Committee

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Date: Thursday 18 May 2006

Venue: Committee Room 2, Senedd, Cardiff Bay

Title: Appointment of National Assembly for Wales Member to Rail Passengers Council – paper to note

Background

1. On 14 March, a motion was passed in Plenary that delegated the appointment of a National Assembly for Wales Member to the Rail Passengers Council to the Economic Development and Transport Committee. At its meeting on 16 March, the Committee agreed to establish a sub-committee comprising the two Members who are the Committee's nominees on public appointments, Chris Gwyther and Janet Davies, to undertake this function.
2. A selection panel comprising Dave Thomas, Head of Rail Policy, Welsh Assembly Government; Colin Foxall, Chair of the Rail Passengers Council and Mary Robinson, Independent Assessor had met on 13 and 14 October 2005 and interviewed seven candidates.
3. The Public Appointments Unit and the Independent Assessor confirmed that the process had met the requirements of the Commissioner for Public Appointments Code of Practice.

Outcome

4. The sub-committee met on 3 April to consider the advice of the selection panel and supported their recommendation that Stella Mair Thomas should be invited to serve as a member of the Rail Passengers Council. Mrs Thomas took up her appointment on 1 May 2006 for a period of three years.
5. A press notice announcing the appointment was issued on 5 May.

Action

6. To note the actions of the sub-committee.

Chris Gwyther

Chair, Enterprise, Innovation and Networks Committee