

Enterprise, Innovation and Networks Committee

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Venue: Committee Room 2, Senedd, Cardiff Bay

Title: Welsh Development Agency: Annual Report for 2005/06; Wales Tourist Board: Full Year Performance Report for 2005/06: Economic Development and Transport MEG Summary Provisional Outturn Expenditure for 2005/06

Purpose

1. This paper provides the Committee with background to the Welsh Development Agency's 2005/06 Annual Report (Appendix A) and the Wales Tourist Board's Full Year Performance Report for 2005/06 (Appendix B). A summary of the Economic Development and Transport MEG provision outturn expenditure for 2005/06 is also enclosed (Appendix C).
2. The Committee is provided with the Reports for information and Officials will be available to provide further information and points of clarification:

Summary

3. The Welsh Development Agency (WDA) 2005-06 Annual Report, and the Full Year Performance Report 2005/06 for the Wales Tourist Board (WTB), are submitted to the Committee to outline performance against targets delivered during the year.
4. The WDA is required to prepare a report as soon as possible after the end of each accounting year dealing with the operations of the Agency during that year, and Section 4.4.1. of the WDA's Management Statement requires the Agency to submit an annual report of its activities to the Minister for Enterprise, Innovation and Networks.
5. The WTB's Financial Memorandum under paragraph 7.1.2., requires the WTB to provide the Minister with an overall annual review report showing progress/outturn against agreed performance indicators.
6. The outturn provisional expenditure figures for 2005/06 for the Economic Development and Transport MEG (Appendix C) have in previous years been appended to the Budget Priorities Paper which was considered at the 7th June 2006 EIN Committee. As the WDA and WTB Annual Reports were scheduled for the July EIN Committee meeting it was considered more appropriate for the outturn provisional expenditure for year end to be appended to this submission to provide a more

complete picture of the previous year.

Timing

7. The WDA Annual Report and WTB Performance Report with financial accounts will be published in July 2006.

Background

8. The Reports provide a summary of the WDA (Annex A) and WTB (Annex B) performance against their strategic and operational targets for 2005/06.

9. The recent health check on performance reporting systems, which was noted by the committee on its 7th June 2006 meeting, concluded "that the reporting framework for performance indicators used in each organisation is robust and enables management to monitor performance and to take corrective action. Each organisation has a clear process to set targets, monitor them and report on achievements and is generally consistent year on year in its presentation of figures." As a result of the merger, a number of issues around consistency are being reviewed.

10. As a result of the merger, this is the last time the WDA Annual Report or WTB performance report will be provided and published in this way. In future, the EIN Annual Report will be submitted for EIN Committee to note. Half year reports will also be provided.

11. On the 8th December 2005, the WDA half year report was presented to the Committee and changes to the performance measurements for the year were highlighted. These were: Introduction of reviewed and amended definitions of the strategic targets (the two categories most affected by these changes are jobs created and private sector investment); the introduction of target ranges as opposed to absolute figures in line with best practice elsewhere in the public sector; and reporting of outputs on a phased basis to reflect delivery of the company in line with their business plans.

12. The WTB similarly presented their half year report at the 8th December Committee confirming progress against agreed targets for the year.

Financial Implications

13. The WDA Summary Financial Statement is in draft form and will be subject to final clearance in line with the full financial statements by the Auditors in mid July and signed by the Permanent Secretary before being published.

14. The WTB accounts are subject to a similar timescale and process.

Cross Cutting Themes

15. The Annual Report of the WDA contains an Equality and Diversity Statement which applies to

the activities delivered during the Year. The WTB Performance Report has also a similar statement in respect of their activities relating to the Year End.

Action for Subject Committee

16. The Committee is invited to note the 2005-06 Annual Report of the WDA, the Full Year Performance Report 2005/06 of the WTB and the Summary of 2005/06 provisional outturn expenditure for the Economic Development and Transport MEG.

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Appendix A: Welsh Development Agency Annual Report 2005/06

Appendix B: Wales Tourist Board Full Year Performance Report 2005/06

Appendix C: Summary of 2005/06 Provisional Outturn expenditure for the Economic Development and Transport MEG

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