

Enterprise, Innovation and Networks Committee

Minutes EIN(2) 07-06

Meeting date: 5 October 2006

Meeting time: 9.00 – 12.00

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
Janet Davies	South Wales West
Alun Ffred Jones	Caernarfon
Carl Sargeant	Alyn & Deeside
Kirsty Williams	Brecon and Radnorshire

Officials in Attendance

Name	Job Title
Gareth Hall	Director, Enterprise Innovation & Networks
Tracey Burke	Director, Strategy & Review
Tim James	Head of Rail Unit
Cathy Presland	Wales European Funding Office
Bob Waller	Acting Head of Skills Policy, DELLS
Colin Eaketts	Transport Planning and Administration Division
Ian Jones	Department for Health and Social Services

Others in Attendance

Name	Organisation
Linda Badman	Jobcentre Plus
Hayley Dunne	Chwarae Teg
Betsan Caldwell	Community Transport Association
Ewan Jones	Community Transport Association
Dr Griff Jones	British Medical Association

Assembly Parliamentary Service

Name	Job Title
Claire Morris	Clerk
Abigail Phillips	Deputy Clerk

Item 1: Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

1.1 Apologies were received from Andrew Davies, Minister for Enterprise, Innovation and Networks.

1.2 A verbatim record of the meeting is available.

Item 2: Economic Inactivity

Paper: EIN(2) 07-06 (p1)- Update on Progress

EIN(2) 07-06 (p2)– Jobcentre Plus

EIN(2) 07-06 (p6)– Chwarae Teg

EIN(2) 07-06 (p3)– Community Transport Association

EIN(2) 07-06 (p4)– British Medical Association

2.1 The Committee reviewed the progress made in implementing the recommendations of the Committee's report on Economic Inactivity.

Action Points:

- Linda Badman agreed to provide details of the numbers of people assisted through the 'Pathways to Work' programme, and the numbers still claiming Incapacity Benefit.
- Linda Badman would provide figures of the number of economically inactive people with health problems.
- Linda Badman would provide details of the new benefit for the economically inactive.
- Hayley Dunne agreed to provide details of the number of childcare places in Wales and the

affordability of those places.

- A copy of the best practice for Authorities guidelines would be provided by Hayley Dunne.
- Confirmation will be provided to Committee regarding free transport to school for Tax Credits claimants.
- Clerk would draft a letter to the First Minister requesting confirmation of which Minister has lead responsibility for Economic Inactivity.
- The Community Transport Association will provide a copy of the paper provided to the Department for Transport regarding transport to hospitals.
- The Clerk would draft a note of the key points from the review.
- The Clerk would provide a note of the number of occasions the Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills Committee had looked at Economic Inactivity.

Item 3: Consultation on the New Cross Country, West Midlands and East Midlands Franchise

Paper: EIN(2) 07-06 (p.5)

3.1 The Committee considered their response to the franchise consultation.

Action Points:

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

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