

Enterprise and Learning Committee

Concise Minutes: EL(3) 05-11 : 10 March 2011

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Time: 9.30 – 11.50

Venue: Committee Room 3, Senedd

Assembly Members in Attendance

Gareth Jones (Chair), Aberconwy
Christine Chapman, Cynon Valley
Jeff Cuthbert, Caerphilly
Paul Davies, Preseli Pembrokeshire
Brian Gibbons, Aberavon
Darren Millar, Clwyd West
Jenny Randerson, Cardiff Central
Leanne Wood, South Wales Central

Witnesses

Stephen Studd, Chair of the Alliance of Sector Skills Councils, Wales
Peter Sishton, Manager for Wales, e-skills UK
Sioned Wyn Williams, Head of Development and Innovation, Care Council for Wales
Gwawr Hughes, Skillset Cymru Director
Huw Jones, Deputy Chair, Wales Employment and Skills Board
Professor Danny Saunders, Professor and Director of the Centre for Lifelong Learning, University of Glamorgan
Professor Andy Penaluna, Professor of Creative Entrepreneurship, Swansea Metropolitan University

Committee Staff

Siân Phipps, Clerk
Daniel Collier, Deputy Clerk
Anne Thomas, Members' Research Service

1: Introduction, apologies and substitutions

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed committee Members and members of the public to the meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies had been received from Andrew Davies and Nerys Evans for whom Leanne Wood was substituting.

2: Review of Sector Skills Councils in Wales

Papers: EL(3) 04-11 – Paper 1; EL(3) 04-11 – Paper 2

Alliance of Sector Skills Councils and the Wales Employment and Skills Board

2.1 The Committee welcomed Stephen Studd, Chair of The Alliance of Sector Skills Councils, Wales; Peter Sishton, Manager for Wales, e-skills UK; Sioned Wyn Williams, Head of Development and Innovation, Care Council for Wales; Gwawr Hughes, Skillset Cymru Director; Huw Jones, Deputy Chair, Wales Employment and Skills Board; and Professor Danny Saunders, Professor and Director of the Centre for Lifelong Learning, University of Glamorgan.

2.2 The Committee questioned the witnesses.

3: The economic contribution of higher education in Wales

Paper: EL(3) 04-11 – Paper 3

Swansea Metropolitan University

- 3.1 The Committee welcomed Professor Andy Penaluna, Professor of Creative Entrepreneurship, Swansea Metropolitan University.
- 3.2 The Committee questioned the witness.

Concise Minutes of previous meeting

Paper: EL(3) 03-11 – Minutes

The Committee ratified the minutes of the 17 February meeting.

Private session

The Committee resolved to exclude the public from the meeting for item 3 in accordance with Standing Order 10.37(vi).

4: Consideration of the evidence

4.1 The Committee discussed the evidence on the review of the Sector Skills Councils and the economic contribution of higher education in Wales.

5: Briefing for meeting on 17 March

5.1 The Committee discussed the handling of its next meeting on 17 March 2011.

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