

Enterprise and Learning Committee

Minutes (EL(3) 07-10)

Date: Thursday, 11 March 2010

Time: 9.30 - 11.30

Venue: Committee Room 3, Senedd

Assembly Members in Attendance

Gareth Jones (Chair), Aberconwy~
Christine Chapman, Cynon Valley
Jeff Cuthbert, Caerphilly
Andrew Davies, Swansea West
Paul Davies, Preseli Pembrokeshire
Nerys Evans, Mid and West Wales
Brian Gibbons, Aberavon
David Melding, South Wales Central
Jenny Randerson, Cardiff Central

Committee Service

Siân Phipps, Clerk
Daniel Collier, Deputy Clerk

Committee Specialist

Ben Stokes, Members' Research Service

Legal Adviser

Joanest Jackson, Legal Services

Others in Attendance

Ieuan Wyn Jones, Deputy First Minister and Minister for Economy and Transport
Eleanor Marks, Director, South East Wales and Infrastructure
Damien O'Brien, Director, WEFO
Rob Hunter, Director of Programme Management and Finance, WEFO
Phil Fiander, Director of Enterprise & Regeneration, WCVA
Judith Stone, Manager, Third Sector European Team (3-SET), WCVA
Tessa White, Engagement Gateway and Grants Manager, WCVA

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 Jeff Cuthbert for the scrutiny of the Deputy First Minister and Minister for Economy and Transport, because of his conflict of interest as Chair of the All-Wales Programme Monitoring Committee.
- 1.3 Andrew Davies declared an interest for item 2 as a former Cabinet Minister responsible for European Structural Funds.
- 1.4 Brian Gibbons declared an interest for item 2 as a former Cabinet Minister responsible for European Structural Funds.

2: Structural funds: Implementation of the 2007-2013 programme

Papers: EL(3) 07-10 - Paper 1, EL(3) 07-10 - Paper 2

Welsh Assembly Government

2.1 The Committee welcomed Ieuan Wyn Jones, Deputy First Minister and Minister for Economy and Transport; Eleanor Marks, Director, South East Wales and Infrastructure; Damien O'Brien, Director, WEFO; and Rob Hunter, Director of Programme Management and Finance, WEFO.

2.2 The Committee scrutinised the Minister.

Welsh Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA)

2.3 The Committee welcomed Phil Fiander, Director of Enterprise & Regeneration, WCVA; Judith Stone, Manager, Third Sector European

Team (3-SET), WCVA; and Tessa White, Engagement Gateway and Grants Manager, WCVA.

2.4 The Committee questioned the witnesses.

Papers to note:

Structural funds: Implementation of the 2007-2013 programme - Swansea Astronomical Society

Paper: EL(3) 07-10 - Paper 3

Minutes of previous meeting

Paper: EL(3) 06-10 - Minutes

The Committee ratified the minutes of the 4 March meeting.

Private session

The Committee resolved to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting in accordance with Standing Order 10.37(vi).

3: Draft report on Generating Jobs in the Green Economy

3.1 The Committee discussed its inquiry into Generating Jobs in the Green Economy.

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