

Enterprise and Learning Committee

Minutes (EL(3) 08-10)

Date: Thursday, 18 March 2010

Time: 9.15 - 11.50

Venue: Committee Room 3, Senedd

Assembly Members in Attendance

Gareth Jones (Chair), Aberconwy

Jeff Cuthbert, Caerphilly

Andrew Davies, Swansea West

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

Professor Dylan Jones-Evans, Director of Research and Innovation, University of Wales

Phil McVey, Director of European Policy and Programmes (Via Video Conference)

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 Christine Chapman and Paul Davies.

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.

1.5 Jeff Cuthbert declared an interest as Chair of the All-Wales Programme Monitoring Committee and Chair of the Objective One Programme Monitoring Committee.

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

Papers: EL(3) 08-10 - Paper 1, EL(3) 08-10 - Paper 2

University of Wales

2.1 The Committee welcomed Professor Dylan Jones-Evans, Director of Research and Innovation, University of Wales.

2.2 The Committee questioned the witness.

South West Regional Development Agency

2.3 The Committee welcomed Phil McVey, Director of European Policy and Programmes, South West Regional Development Agency via video conference.

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Action Points:

South West Regional Development Agency agreed to provide:

Further information on the investment of Structural funds to develop broadband provision in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

A note on how Cornwall Council intends to implement its economic strategy following the current Structural fund programme.

Papers to note:

Structural funds: Implementation of the 2007-2013 programme - Welsh Local Government Association

Paper: EL(3) 08-10 - Paper 3

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

Paper: EL(3) 08-10 - Paper 4

Structural funds: Implementation of the 2007-2013 programme - Cyngor Gwynedd

Paper: EL(3) 08-10 - Paper 5

Minutes of previous meeting

Paper: EL(3) 07-10 - Minutes

The Committee ratified the minutes of the 11 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: Future inquiries and work programme

3.1 The Committee discussed future inquiries and agreed its work programme for summer term 2010.

4: Draft report on Generating Jobs in the Green Economy

4.1 The Committee discussed its draft report on Generating Jobs in the Green Economy and agreed to take further evidence.

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