

Enterprise and Learning Committee

Minutes (EL(3) 16-08)

Date: 5 June 2008

Time: 13:30 - 15:15

Venue: Committee Room 1, Senedd

Assembly Members in Attendance

Gareth Jones, (Chair) Aberconwy
Alun Cairns, South Wales West
Huw Lewis, Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney
David Melding, South Wales Central
Sandy Mewies, Delyn
Janet Ryder, North Wales

Committee Service

Dr Kathryn Jenkins, Clerk
Michael Lewis, Deputy Clerk

Committee Specialist

Alys Thomas, Members' Research Service

Others in Attendance

Nick Moon, Director of Strategy & Communications, Finance Wales
Professor Nicholas Topley, Sub-Dean (Research Operations), Chair, Central Biotechnology Services (CBS) School of Medicine, Cardiff University
Andy Klom, Head of European Commission office in Wales

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, Jeff Cuthbert and Kirsty Williams.

2: Evidence to the Committee inquiry into the economic contribution of higher education

Papers: EL(3) 16-08 - Paper 1, EL(3) 16-08 - Paper 2, Annex 1

- 2.1 The Committee welcomed Nick Moon, Director of Strategy & Communications, Finance Wales; Professor Nicholas Topley, Sub-Dean (Research Operations), Chair, Central Biotechnology Services (CBS) School of Medicine, Cardiff University; Andy Klom, Head of European Commission office in Wales.
- 2.2 The Committee scrutinised the witnesses.

Action point:

Nick Moon agreed to provide:

Examples of case studies where start-up businesses stemming from HE institutions had grown having received relatively small amounts of investment.

Paper to note:

Minutes of the last meeting

Paper: EL(3) 15-08 - Minutes

The Committee ratified the minutes of the 21 May meeting.

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