

# Enterprise and Learning Committee

## Minutes (EL(3) 17-08)

**Date:** 12 June 2008

**Time:** 13:30 - 16:00

**Venue:** Committee Room 3, Senedd

### Assembly Members in Attendance

Gareth Jones, (Chair) Aberconwy  
Alun Cairns, South Wales West  
Christine Chapman, Cynon Valley  
Jeff Cuthbert, Caerphilly  
Huw Lewis, Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney  
David Melding, South Wales Central  
Sandy Mewies, Delyn  
Kirsty Williams, Brecon and Radnorshire

### Committee Service

Dr Kathryn Jenkins, Clerk  
Daniel Collier, Deputy Clerk

### Committee Specialist

Ben Stokes, Members' Research Service

### Others in Attendance

Stephen Studd, Chief Executive Officer, SkillsActive  
Bill Peaper, National Manager - Wales, Semta  
Terry Watts, Chief Executive Officer, Proskill  
Jan Holdaway, Head of Asset Skills  
Kevin Marchand, Head of Skills, Go Skills  
Chris King, Wales Business Adviser, Go Skills  
Helen Taylor, Skills Director, EU Skills  
Steve Scofield, Head of Skills Development, IMI (Automotive)  
Mathew Basham, Acting Director - Wales, Skillset  
Maria Whittaker, Regional Director, Skills for Health  
Richard Jones, Wales Manager, Skills for Justice  
Jacky Drysdale, Welsh Manager, Skills for Care and Development  
Sarah Cooper, National Manager for Wales, Government Skills  
Graham Waters, Director, GTW Developments  
Dr Aled Finniear, Chief Executive Officer, Park Place Research Limited

### 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 Janet Ryder.

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

**Papers: EL(3) 17-08 - Paper 1, EL(3) 17-08 - Paper 2, EL(3) 17-08 - Paper 3, EL(3) 17-08 - Paper 4, EL(3) 17-08 - Paper 5, EL(3) 17-08 - Paper 6, EL(3) 17-08 - Paper 7, EL(3) 17-08 - Paper 8, EL(3) 17-08 - Paper 9, EL(3) 17-08 - Paper 10, EL(3) 17-08 - Paper 11, EL(3) 17-08 - Paper 12, EL(3) 17-08 - Paper 13, EL(3) 17-08 - Paper 14, EL(3) 17-08 - Paper 15**

2.1 The Committee welcomed Stephen Studd, Chief Executive Officer, SkillsActive; Bill Peaper, National Manager - Wales, Semta; Terry Watts, Chief Executive Officer, Proskill; Jan Holdaway, Head of Asset Skills; Kevin Marchand, Head of Skills, Go Skills; Chris King, Wales Business Adviser, Go Skills; Helen Taylor, Skills Director, EU Skills; Steve Scofield, Head of Skills Development, IMI (Automotive); Mathew Basham, Acting Director - Wales, Skillset; Maria Whittaker, Regional Director, Skills for Health; Richard Jones, Wales Manager, Skills for Justice; Jacky Drysdale, Welsh Manager, Skills for Care and Development; Sarah Cooper, National Manager for Wales, Government Skills.

2.2 The Committee scrutinised representatives from the Sector Skills Councils.

2.3 The Committee also welcomed Graham Waters, Director, GTW Developments; Dr Aled Finniear, Chief Executive Officer, Park Place Research Limited. The Committee scrutinised the witnesses.

**Action point:**

Bill Peaper agreed to provide:

Details of how the Carmarthenshire Manufacturing Group develops links between Further Education Institutions, Higher Education Institutions and Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises.

**Papers to note:**

**Written evidence to the Committee inquiry into the economic contribution of higher education from People 1<sup>st</sup> Sector Skills Council**

**Paper: EL(3) 17-08 - Paper 16**

**Written evidence to the Committee inquiry into the economic contribution of higher education from Construction Skills Sector Skills Council**

**Paper: EL(3) 17-08 - Paper 17**

**Written evidence to the Committee inquiry into the economic contribution of higher education from Creative and Cultural Skills Sector Skills Council**

**Paper: EL(3) 17-08 - Paper 18**

**Written evidence to the Committee inquiry into the economic contribution of higher education from E-Skills Sector Skills Council**

**Paper: EL(3) 17-08 - Paper 19**

**Written evidence to the Committee inquiry into the economic contribution of higher education from Financial Services Sector Skills Council**

**Paper: EL(3) 17-08 - Paper 20**

**Written evidence to the Committee inquiry into the economic contribution of higher education from Improve Ltd Sector Skills Council**

**Paper: EL(3) 17-08 - Paper 21**

**Written evidence to the Committee inquiry into the economic contribution of higher education from Lifelong Learning UK Sector Skills Council**

**Paper: EL(3) 17-08 - Paper 22**

**Written evidence to the Committee inquiry into the economic contribution of higher education from Skills for Logistics Sector Skills Council**

**Paper: EL(3) 17-08 - Paper 23**

**Written evidence to the Committee inquiry into the economic contribution of higher education from Skillsfast UK Sector Skills Council**

**Paper: EL(3) 17-08 - Paper 24**

**Written evidence to the Committee inquiry into the economic contribution of higher education from Skillsmart Retail Sector Skills Council**

**Paper: EL(3) 17-08 - Paper 25**

**Written evidence to the Committee inquiry into the economic contribution of higher education from Summit Skills Sector Skills Council**

**Paper: EL(3) 17-08 - Paper 26**

**Minutes of the last meeting**

**Paper: EL(3) 16-08 - Minutes**

The Committee ratified the minutes of the 5 June meeting.

**Committee Service**

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