

Enterprise and Learning Committee

Minutes (EL(3) 18-08)

Date: 19 June 2008

Time: 13:30 - 15:20

Venue: Committee Room 1, Senedd

Assembly Members in Attendance

Gareth Jones, (Chair) Aberconwy
Jeff Cuthbert, Caerphilly
Andrew RT Davies, South Wales Central
Irene James, Islwyn
Huw Lewis, Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney
David Melding, South Wales Central
Sandy Mewies, Delyn
Janet Ryder, North Wales
Kirsty Williams, Brecon and Radnorshire

Committee Service

Dr Kathryn Jenkins, Clerk
Daniel Collier, Deputy Clerk

Committee Specialists

Alys Thomas, Members' Research Service
Anne Thomas, Members' Research Service

Others in Attendance

Professor R Merfyn Jones, Vice Chancellor, Bangor University
Professor Siân Hope, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Knowledge Transfer and Enterprise, Bangor University.
Dr Haydn Edwards, Principal and Chief Executive, Coleg Menai
Dr Tim Stowe, Director, RSPB Cymru

1: Introduction, apologies and substitutions

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Committee Members and members of the public to the meeting.
- 1.2 The Chair welcomed Andrew RT Davies following his election to the Committee and thanked Alun Cairns for his significant contribution to the work of the Committee.
- 1.3 Apologies had been received from Christine Chapman for whom Irene James was substituting.

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

Papers: EL(3) 18-08 - Paper 1, EL(3) 18-08 - Paper 2, EL(3) 18-08 - Paper 3

Bangor and Coleg Menai

2.1 The Committee welcomed Professor R Merfyn Jones, Vice Chancellor, Bangor University; Professor Siân Hope, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Knowledge Transfer and Enterprise, Bangor University; Dr Haydn Edwards, Principal and Chief Executive, Coleg Menai.

RSPB Cymru

- 2.2 The Committee welcomed Dr Tim Stowe, Director, RSPB Cymru.
- 2.3 The Committee scrutinised all of the witnesses.

3: Draft report of the Dyslexia Rapporteur Group on Dyslexia Support in Wales

Paper: EL(3) 18-08 - Paper 4, Annex

- 3.1 The Committee commented on and agreed the draft report of the Dyslexia Rapporteur Group on Dyslexia Support in Wales.
- 3.2 The Committee thanked Members of the rapporteur group and Committee officials for producing such a significant report.

3.3 The report would be published and officially launched on 16 July and would be laid before the Assembly.

Papers to note:

Written evidence to the Committee inquiry into the economic contribution of higher education from Ofcom Cymru

Paper: EL(3) 18-08 - Paper 5, Annex

Minutes of the last meeting

Paper: EL(3) 17-08 - Minutes

The Committee ratified the minutes of the 12 June meeting.

Committee Service

June 2008