

# Enterprise and Learning Committee

## Minutes (EL(3) 23-08)

**Date: 8 October 2008**

**Time: 9:30 - 11:25**

**Venue: Barry Memorial Hall**

### Assembly Members in Attendance

Gareth Jones, (Chair) Aberconwy  
Alun Cairns, South Wales West  
Andrew RT Davies, South Wales Central  
Christopher Franks, South Wales Central  
Jane Hutt, Vale of Glamorgan  
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 Specialist

Ben Stokes, Members' Research Service

### Others in Attendance

Gareth Howe, President, 'Pride in Barry'  
John Maitland Evans, Chief Executive, Vale of Glamorgan Council  
Rob Quick, Director of Environmental and Economic Regeneration  
Chris Fray, Head of Economic Development and Leisure  
Mike Jones, External Funding Officer  
Dave Williams, Principal Regeneration Officer

### 1: Introduction, apologies and substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed Committee Members and members of the public to the meeting noting how pleased he was that the Committee were meeting in Barry Memorial Hall.

1.2 Apologies had been received from Christine Chapman and Jeff Cuthbert.

1.3 The Chair had given Alun Cairns AM, Christopher Franks AM and Jane Hutt AM permission to participate in the Committee meeting in accordance with Standing Order 10.43.

### 2: Evidence to the Committee on the 'Pride in Barry' petition

#### Papers: EL(3) 23-08 - Paper 1, EL(3) 23-08 - Paper 2

2.1 The Committee received a PowerPoint presentation on the 'Pride in Barry' Petition.

2.2 The Committee welcomed Gareth Howe, President, Pride in Barry.

2.3 The Committee welcomed John Maitland Evans, Chief Executive, Vale of Glamorgan Council; Rob Quick, Director of Environmental and Economic Regeneration; Chris Fray, Head of Economic Development and Leisure; Mike Jones, External Funding Officer; and Dave Williams, Principal Regeneration Officer.

2.4 The Committee questioned the witnesses.

2.5 The Committee will consider further evidence from the principal petitioner and will scrutinise the Minister for Economy and Transport at its meeting on 5 November 2008.

### 3: Public open-mic session

3.1 The Chair invited members of the public to comment or ask questions on the 'Pride in Barry' petition and related issues. Comments

were made by Cllr. Neil Moore. The Chair read out written correspondence from Cllr. Richard Bertin.

#### **4: Draft Apprenticeships Bill - Consultation response**

##### **Paper: EL(3) 23-08 - Paper 3, Annex**

4.1 The Committee was content with its interim response to the Draft Apprenticeships Bill.

4.2 The Committee's interim response would be laid before the Assembly as soon as possible and sent to the Chair of the House of Commons' Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Select Committee shortly.

##### **Paper to note:**

#### **Minutes of the last meeting**

##### **Paper: EL(3) 22-08 - Minutes**

The Committee ratified the minutes of the 1 October meeting.

#### **Committee Service**

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