

# Enterprise and Learning Committee

## Minutes (EL(3) 24-08)

**Date:** 15 October 2008

**Time:** 9:30 - 11:15

**Venue:** The Chamber, Senedd

### Assembly Members in Attendance

Gareth Jones, (Chair) Aberconwy  
Jeff Cuthbert, Caerphilly  
Andrew RT Davies, South Wales Central  
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

Graham Winter, Members' Research Service  
Anne Thomas, Members' Research Service  
Ben Stokes, Members' Research Service

### Others in Attendance

Ieuan Wyn Jones AM, Deputy First Minister and Minister for Economy and Transport  
Jane Hutt AM, Minister for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills  
Gareth Hall, Director, Department for Economy & Transport  
James Price, Director, Transport & Strategic Regeneration, Department for Economy & Transport  
Mark Osland, Finance Director, Department for Economy and Transport  
David Hawker, Director, Department for Children, Education Lifelong Learning and Skills  
Lynne Hamilton, Director of BIRI Group, Department for Children, Education Lifelong Learning and Skills

### 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.

### 2: Budget scrutiny

**Papers: EL(3) 24-08 - Paper 1, EL(3) 24-08 - Paper 2, Annex**

#### Minister for Economy and Transport

2.1 The Committee welcomed Ieuan Wyn Jones AM, Deputy First Minister and Minister for Economy and Transport; Gareth Hall, Director, Department for Economy & Transport; James Price, Director, Transport & Strategic Regeneration, Department for Economy & Transport; and Mark Osland, Finance Director, Department for Economy and Transport

2.2 The Committee scrutinised the Minister.

#### Action Point:

The Minister for Economy and Transport agreed to provide:

An update on the progress of the Department for Economy and Transport efficiency plan, including how savings have been made following the merger of assembly sponsored bodies and areas where efficiency savings will be made in the future.

#### Minister for Children, Education, lifelong Learning and Skills

2.3 The Committee welcomed Jane Hutt AM, Minister for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills; David Hawker, Director, Department for Children, Education Lifelong Learning and Skills; and Lynne Hamilton, Director of BIRI Group, Department for Children,

Education Lifelong Learning and Skills

2.4 The Committee scrutinised the Minister.

**Action points:**

The Minister for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills agreed to provide:

Clarification on the budget available for training regulation qualifications for Further Education tutors.

Clarification on how the Minister intends to invest the £1.8m allocated to the development plan for Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and how the £1.7m available in the Revenue Support Grant will also be invested.

**Paper to note:**

**Minutes of the last meeting**

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

The Committee ratified the minutes of the 8 October meeting.

**Committee Service**

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