

Enterprise and Learning Committee

Minutes (EL(3) 25-08)

Date: 22 October 2008

Time: 9:30 - 10:45

Venue: The Chamber, Senedd

Assembly Members in Attendance

Janet Ryder (Temporary Chair), North Wales

Jeff Cuthbert, Caerphilly

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

Victoria Paris, Members' Research Service

Legal Adviser

Gwyn Griffiths, Legal Services

Others in Attendance

Kate Hughes, Policy and Communications Officer, RNIB

Ceri Jackson, Policy and Communications Manager, RNIB

Andrea Gordon, Policy Officer - Wales, Guide Dogs for the Blind Association

Carol Thomas, Access and Inclusion Manager, Guide Dogs for the Blind Association

Graham Findlay, Policy Officer, (Access and Transport), Disability Wales

1: Election of temporary Committee Chair

1.1 The Clerk requested nominations for a temporary Committee Chair under Standing Order 10.19. Sandy Mewies nominated Janet Ryder, who was duly elected.

2: Introduction, apologies and substitutions

2.1 The Temporary Chair welcomed Committee Members and members of the public to the meeting.

2.2 Apologies had been received from Gareth Jones, Andrew RT Davies, Christine Chapman and Huw Lewis.

3: The Committee Proposed Draft (Legislative Competence) (Traffic Free Routes) Order 2009

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3.1 The Committee welcomed Kate Hughes, Policy and Communications Officer, RNIB; Ceri Jackson, Policy and Communications Manager, RNIB; Andrea Gordon, Policy Officer - Wales, Guide Dogs for the Blind Association; Carol Thomas, Access and Inclusion Manager, Guide Dogs for the Blind Association; and Graham Findlay, Policy Officer, (Access and Transport), Disability Wales.

3.2 The Committee scrutinised the witnesses.

3.3 Legal Counsel would provide a brief on how the Committee's Proposed Draft Legislative Competence Order could be amended to take into consideration views expressed by the witnesses regarding pedestrian pathways, including details on existing powers the Welsh Assembly Government has to address their concerns.

Action Point:

The witnesses agreed to provide:

Details of their consultation on sharing of paths with cyclists which has been issued via email to a network of organisations that represent those with mobility and sensory impairments, people with learning difficulties, older people, and carers.

Paper to note:

Minutes of the last meeting

Paper: EL(3) 24-08 - Minutes

The Committee ratified the minutes of the 15 October meeting.

Committee Service

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