Enterprise and Learning Committee

Minutes (EL(3) 26-08)

Date: 5 November 2008 Time: 9:30 - 11:30 Venue: Committee Room 1, Senedd

Assembly Members in Attendance

Gareth Jones, (Chair) Aberconwy Christine Chapman, Cynon Valley Jeff Cuthbert, Caerphilly 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

Committee Service

Dr Kathryn Jenkins, Clerk Daniel Collier, Deputy Clerk

Committee Specialist

Ben Stokes, Members' Research Service

Others in Attendance

Ieuan Wyn Jones, Deputy First Minister and Minister for Economy and Transport Leighton Andrews, Deputy Minister for Regeneration Patrick Lewis, Director, Strategic Regeneration and Heads of the Valleys Eleanor Marks, Regional Director, South East Wales and Infrastructure Richard Shaddick, Regeneration Manager, South East Wales and Infrastructure Paul Haley, Chair of 'Pride in Barry' and Principal petitioner Gareth Howe, President of 'Pride in Barry'

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 Sandy Mewies and Janet Ryder, for whom Christopher Franks was substituting.

1.3 The Chair had given 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) 26-08 - Paper 1, EL(3) 26-08 - Paper 2

Welsh Assembly Government

2.1 The Committee welcomed Ieuan Wyn Jones, Deputy First Minister and Minister for Economy and Transport; Leighton Andrews, Deputy Minister for Regeneration; Patrick Lewis, Director, Strategic Regeneration and Heads of the Valleys; Eleanor Marks, Regional Director, South East Wales and Infrastructure; and Richard Shaddick, Regeneration Manager, South East Wales and Infrastructure.

2.2 The Committee scrutinised the Ministers.

Action Points:

The Welsh Assembly Government agreed to provide:

Details on whether an application for competitiveness funds to invest in the regeneration of Barry had been made by the Welsh Assembly Government or the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

An inventory of how much land owned by the Welsh Assembly Government remained for future regeneration.

Pride in Barry

2.3 The Committee welcomed Paul Haley, Chair of 'Pride in Barry' and Principal petitioner and Gareth Howe, President of 'Pride in Barry'.

2.4 The Committee scrutinised the witnesses.

2.5 The Committee will consider a draft report of the evidence and its recommendations at a future private meeting.

Paper to note:

Minutes of the last meeting Paper: EL(3) 25-08 - Minutes

The Committee ratified the minutes of the 22 October meeting.

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