

# European and External Affairs Committee

## Minutes EUR(2) 08-05

Meeting date: 12 October 2005

Meeting time: 9.00-11.30

Meeting venue: National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay

### Assembly Members in Attendance

Assembly Member	Constituency
Sandy Mewies (Chair)	Delyn
Nick Bourne	Mid and West Wales
Jeff Cuthbert	Caerphilly
Mike German	South Wales East
Christine Gwyther	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Ieuan Wyn Jones	Ynys Môn
Jonathan Morgan	South Wales Central
Rhodri Morgan	Cardiff West
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr

### Standing Invitees

Janet Davies AM	Committee of the Regions
-----------------	--------------------------

### Officials in Attendance

<b>Name</b>	<b>Job Title</b>
Gary Davies	Head of European and External Affairs Division
Des Clifford	
Cathy Presland	Wales European Funding Office
Anna Daniel	Assembly Parliamentary Service

## **Others in Attendance**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Agenda item(s)</b>
Glenn Vaughan	Wales European Centre	5
Phil Fiander	Wales Council for Voluntary Action	5
Martyn Jefferies	University of Glamorgan	5
Andy Klom	Head of the European Commission Office in Wales	

## **Committee Service**

<b>Chris Reading</b>	<b>Clerk</b>
Sarah Bartlett	Deputy Clerk

## **Item 1: Introduction, Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest**

1.1 Apologies had been received Jonathan Evans MEP, Glenys Kinnock MEP, Eluned Morgan MEP, Rosemary Butler AM and Rose D'Sa. The Chair welcomed Ruth Mullineux who was from the office of Glenys Kinnock MEP and Eluned Morgan MEP.

1.2 There were no declarations of interest.

1.3 The Chair thanked Members for attending the meeting with Commissioner Hubner and also thanked officials for organising the event.

1.4 The Chair noted the possible Committee visit to Brussels in the spring term. The Clerk agreed to e-mail members with the dates of the visit and to circulate possible events for the visit.

## **Item 2: Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising**

**Paper: EUR(2) 07-05 - Minutes of meeting held on 22 September**

**Paper: EUR(2) 08-05 - Action Outstanding**

2.1 The Minutes of the meeting held on 22 September were agreed as a true record.

## **Item 3: First Minister's Report**

**Paper: EUR(2) 08-05 (p.1)**

Actions

- Officials agreed to check the developments with the Tier 2 issue with regards the Regional Aid guidelines and would report to the Committee.

## **Item 4: Post 2006 Structural Funds Update - Negotiations and Community Strategic Guidelines**

**Paper: EUR(2) 08-05 (p.2)**

**EUR(2) 08-05 (p3)**

Actions

- The First Minister agreed to provide the Committee with a list of key principles that will guide the development of post-2006 programmes for regional aid.
- Officials agreed to provide regular updates to the Committee following the external stakeholder group meetings, which take place on a quarterly basis.

## **Item 5: Wales European Centre - Experiences and Lessons**

**Paper: EUR(2) 08-05 (p.4)**

5.1 The Committee welcomed the presentation

## Actions

- The Committee agreed to review developments following the ceasing of operations of the WEC during the autumn term next year.

## **Item 6: Update from Members of the Committee of the Regions**

6.1 The Committee noted the oral update from Janet Davies.

## Committee Service