

# European and External Affairs Committee

## Minutes (EUR(3) 03-08)

**Date:** 17 April 2008

**Time:** 9.00am - 10.05am

**Venue:** Committee Room 2, Senedd

### Assembly Members in Attendance

Sandy Mewies, Delyn (Chair)

Jeff Cuthbert, Caerphilly

Nerys Evans, Mid and West Wales

Mike German, South Wales East

William Graham, South Wales East

Gareth Jones, Aberconwy

Val Lloyd, Swansea East

### Committee Service

Kathryn Jenkins, Clerk

Daniel Collier, Deputy Clerk

### Others in Attendance

Ieuan Wyn Jones, Deputy First Minister

Cathy Presland, Acting Head of Planning and Strategy Division, Welsh Assembly Government

Nick Moon - Finance Wales

### 1: Introduction, Apologies and Substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed Committee Members and members of the public.

1.2 Apologies had been received from Nicholas Bourne and Christine Chapman.

### 2: Welsh Assembly Government initiative with the European Investment Bank to support Small and Medium Enterprises in the South Wales Valleys

**Paper:** EUR(3) 03-08 (p.1)

2.1 The Committee welcomed Ieuan Wyn Jones, Deputy First Minister; Cathy Presland, Acting Head of Planning and Strategy Division, Welsh Assembly Government; and Nick Moon - Finance Wales.

2.2 The Committee scrutinised the witnesses.

#### Action points:

Deputy First Minister and Minister for Economy and Transport to provide:

A note when appropriate, updating the Committee on progress of the scoping study commissioned by the EIB to highlight the viability of JESSICA schemes.

Members' Research Service to provide:

A brief on the level of European funding being invested in Wales and the areas where investments are being made.

### 3: Forward Work Programme

**Paper:** EUR(3) 03-08 (p.2), Annex

3.1 The Committee commented on and agreed its priorities.

### 4: Update on Committee of Regions

4.1 Nerys Evans updated the Committee on proceedings in the Committee of Regions.

#### Action point:

Committee Service to:

Invite the WLGA representatives who sit on the Committee of the Regions to provide a written report on discussions undertaken by their Committees.

**Minutes of the last meeting**

**Paper: EUR(3) 02-08 - Minutes**

The Committee ratified the minutes of the 28 February meeting.

**Committee Service**

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