

# European and External Affairs Committee

## Minutes (EUR(3) 06-08)

**Date:** 17 July 2008

**Time:** 9.00am - 10.40am

**Venue:** Committee Room 2, Senedd

### Assembly Members in Attendance

Christine Chapman, Cynon Valley (Chair)

Jeff Cuthbert, Caerphilly

Nerys Evans, Mid and West Wales

Michael German, South Wales East

William Graham, South Wales East

### Committee Service

Kathryn Jenkins, Clerk

Michael Lewis, Deputy Clerk

### Others in Attendance

Gretel Leeb, Director of Programme Management, WEFO

Cathy Presland, Director of Planning and Strategy, WEFO

Rosemary Butler AM, Deputy Presiding Officer, National Assembly for Wales

Robert Lloyd-Williams, International Relations Officer

Elin Jones AM, Minister for Rural Affairs

Rory O'Sullivan, Head of Countryside Policy Division

Andy Klom, Head of European Commission office in Wales

### 1: Election of temporary Committee Chair

1.1 The Clerk requested nominations for a temporary Committee Chair under Standing Order 10.19. William Graham and Jeff Cuthbert nominated Christine Chapman, who was duly elected.

### 2: Introduction, Apologies and Substitutions

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

### 3: The All Wales Programme Monitoring Committee

#### Paper: EUR(3) 06-08 - Paper 1

3.1 Jeff Cuthbert updated the Committee on the work of the All Wales Programme Monitoring Committee (PMC).

3.2 Members scrutinised Jeff Cuthbert and officials from the Welsh European Funding Office (WEFO).

### 4: Update on the British-Irish Interparliamentary Body

#### Paper: EUR(3) 06-08 - Paper 2

4.1 The Deputy Presiding Officer updated the Committee on the work of the British-Irish Inter-Parliamentary Body (BIIPB).

4.2 Members questioned the Deputy Presiding Officer on the work and future role of the (BIIPB).

### 5: Common Agricultural Policy health check

#### Paper: EUR(3) 06-08 - Paper 3

5.1 The Committee welcomed Elin Jones, the Minister for Rural Affairs; and Rory O'Sullivan, Head of Countryside Policy Division.

5.2 The Committee scrutinised the Minister on the Welsh Assembly Government consultation on the Common Agricultural Policy health check.

### Papers to note:

### Scoping paper and terms of reference for the Committee's forthcoming inquiry into subsidiarity

#### Paper: EUR(3) 06-08 - Paper 4

The Committee agreed to proceed with its inquiry on subsidiarity in the autumn.

**Report of the meeting of the UK European Committee Chairs and Clerks forum**

**Paper: EUR(3) 06-08 - Paper 5**

**WLGA written report on the Committee of Regions**

**Paper: EUR(3) 06-08 - Paper 6**

**Minutes of the last meeting**

**Paper: EUR(3) 05-08 - Minutes**

The Committee ratified the minutes of the 19 June meeting.

**Committee Service**

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