

COMMITTEE ON EUROPEAN AFFAIRS

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| Date | Thursday 14 October 1999 |
| Time | 9.30am |
| Venue | Committee Room 1, National Assembly Building |

REPORT ON THE WALES FORUM ON EUROPEAN AFFAIRS**Purpose**

1. To inform committee members of the forthcoming conference.

Recommendation

2. The Committee is invited to note the content of the report.

Summary

3. The first meeting of the Wales Forum on European Affairs is due to take place on Friday, 22nd October at the Cardiff International Arena.

Background

4. At the first meeting of the European Affairs Committee on 1st July, it was agreed that a Wales Forum on European Affairs should be established. It was agreed that the Forum should be exploratory and interactive in nature and include people working at a grass roots level in Wales. It was also agreed that the first meeting of the Forum should be a conference, providing for a mix of plenary sessions and workshops and that it should be held in the Autumn. Agreement reached at the European Affairs Committee meeting was that membership of the Forum should comprise a "floating" membership with a few core members. Attached at Annex A is the outline programme for the day; at Annex B is a list of those who have been invited to attend.

Compliance

5. Section 40 of the Government of Wales Act provides for the Assembly to do anything which is calculated to facilitate its functions

Financial Implications

6. Financial provision for this conference can be found from existing running cost budgets.

Cross-cutting Themes

7. A wide range of partners from the public, private and voluntary sectors will participate in the Forum.

Contact Point

8. European Affairs Division

Annex A

Wales Forum on European Affairs - Programme

Date : Friday 22 October 1999

Venue : Cardiff International Arena

9.30-10am Coffee and registration

10.00 – 10.10am **Opening address** (First Secretary)

10.10 – 10.50am **Plenary session :**

Prospects for the new Commission and the implications for Wales

(Neil Kinnock)

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| 10.50-11.10am | Coffee |
| 11.10 – 12.15pm | <p>Working Groups on European Policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport/Trans European Networks – Hugh Rees, European Commission DGVII • State Aid – Richard Jacques, UKREP • Mainstreaming Equal Opportunities – Val Feld |
| 12.15 – 13.00pm | Working Groups report back |
| 13.00 - 14.00pm | Lunch |
| 14.00 - 15.00pm | <p>Working Groups : Theme – Welsh participation in Europe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The work of the European Parliament (Eluned Morgan MEP) • The Committee of the Regions and ECOSOC (Eurig Wyn and George Wright) • Welsh Representation in Brussels - (Jos Gallacher and June Milligan) |
| 15.00 - 15.45pm | Working Groups report back |
| 15.45 - 16.00pm | Closing remarks (First Secretary) |
| 16.00pm | Close |

Invitation list for Wales European Forum

Assembly European Committee:

Rt Hon Alun Michael MP AM

Nick Bourne AM

Christine Gwyther AM

Val Feld AM

Rhodri Morgan MP AM

Alun Pugh AM

Elin Jones AM

Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM

Prof Phil Williams AM

Mick Bates AM

William Graham AM

Local Government

Welsh Local Government Association: Dr Victoria Winckler

Welsh Local Government Association: Harry Jones

Welsh Local Government Association: Colin Jones

Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council: Roger Leadbeter OBE

Bridgend County Borough Council: I Keri Lewis

Caerphilly County Borough Council: Malgwyn Davies

Cardiff County Council: Byron Davies

Cardiff County Council: Jeff Andrews

Carmarthen County Council: Bradley P Roynon

Ceredigion County Council: Owen Watkin

Conwy County Borough Council: C Derek Barker

Denbighshire County Council: Huw Vaughan Thomas

Flintshire County Council: Phillip McGreevy

Gwynedd Council: Geraint R Jones

Isle of Anglesey Council: Geraint F Edwards

Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council: Garry W Meredith

Monmouthshire County Council: Joyce Redfearn

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council: Ken R Sawyers

Newport County Borough Council: R D "Sandy" Blair

Pembrokeshire County Council: Bryn Parry-Jones

Powys County Council: Jacky Tonge

Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council: Kim Ryley

Swansea Council: Vivienne Sugar

Torfaen County Borough Council: Dr Clive Grace

Vale of Glamorgan Council: David L Foster

Wrexham County Borough Council: Derek Griffin

Economic Forums

Mid Wales Partnership: D M Thomas

North Wales Economic Forum: Meurig Royles

South West Wales Economic Forum: Richard Crawshaw

South East Wales Economic Forum: Brian Adcock

Non Departmental Public Bodies

Welsh Development Agency: David Rowe Beddoe

Welsh Development Agency: Brian Willott

Welsh Development Agency: Geraint Davies

Welsh Development Agency: Graham Moore

Welsh Development Agency: Wynford James

Welsh Development Agency: Geoff Sheppard

Wales Tourist Board: Jonathon Jones

Countryside Council for Wales: Paul Loveluck

Arts Council for Wales: Joanna Weston

Welsh Language Board: Jon Walter Jones

Environment Agency Wales: Ed Gallagher

Public Sector

Council of Welsh TECs: Carl Hadley OBE

Higher Education Funding Council for Wales/Further Education Funding Council: Prof John Andrews

HHEW: Prof Robin Williams

Fforwm: John Stephenson

University of Glamorgan: Prof Adrian Webb

University of Glamorgan: Dr Carol Cresswell

West Wales European Centre: Neville Davies

Wales European Centre: Jos Gallacher

EC Representation in Wales: Catherine Eva

Wales European Programme Executive Ltd: Christopher Ward

Wales Co-operative Centre: Simon Jones

Employment Service: Sheila Keays

Private Sector

Wales CBI: Ken Jones

Wales CBI: Dr Elizabeth Haywood

Federation of Small Businesses: George Watson

National Farmers Union: Hugh Richards

Farmers Union of Wales: Bob Parry

Country Landowners Association: J M G Andrews

Cardiff Chamber of Commerce: Helen Conway

British Telecom: Ann Beynon

NTL Cabletel: Chris Bannister

HYDER: Jeff Morgan

National GRID: Shaun McGrail

TRANSCO: John Adams

MANWEB: Mike Boxall

Chamber Wales: Mike Theodoulou

Institute of Directors: Roger Jones

House Building Federation: Mark Rice

Freight Transport Association: Maurice Watkins

HTV: Menna Richards

S4C: Huw Jones

BBC Wales: Geraint Talfan Davies

Euroclad: Nick Williams

Epitaxial Products International Ltd: Mike Scott

Calsonic International Europe plc, Llanelli: M J Reilly OBE

Trade Unions

Wales TUC: David Jenkins

Transport and General Workers Union: Jim Hancock

GMB: Allan J Garley

ISTC: Alwyn Jones

AEEU: Roger James

Banks

Bank of England: Sue Camper

HSBC: Elfed Roberts

Natwest Bank: Richard Weston

Co-operative Bank: John Summers

Principality Building Society: John Mitchell

Voluntary sectors

Wales Council for Voluntary Action: Graham Benfield

Wales Council for Voluntary Action: Margery Dykins

LEADER (SPARC): Joan Asby

Institute of Welsh Affairs: John Osmond

Equal Opportunities Commission: Mary Dunford

Commission for Racial Equality: Andrew Housley

Disability Wales: Howard John

DOVE Workshop: Mair Francis

Wales Youth Agency: Roy Noble

Race Equality First: Jazz Iheanacho

Personal

Hywel Ceri Jones

Wayne David

Welsh Representatives

Welsh MEPs:

Jill Evans MEP

Jonathan Evans MEP

Glenys Kinnock MEP

Eluned Morgan MEP

Eurig Wyn MEP

Committee of the Regions (COR):

Cllr Brian Smith

Eurig Wyn

Linda Matthews

John Evans

ECOSOC:

George Wright

Prof Rose D'Sa

National Assembly for Wales

Jon Shortridge

Derek Jones

Michael Cochlin

Hugh Rawlings

Alan Lansdown

Martin Evans

Steve Phillips

Kate Cassidy

John Clarke (on secondment from Barclays Bank)

Caroline Turner

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