

Rural Development Sub-Committee

Minutes (RDC(3)-01-07)

Meeting date: Thursday 12 July 2007

Meeting time: 9.10am - 9.15am

Meeting venue: Committee Room 3, Senedd, National Assembly for Wales

Assembly Members in Attendance

Mick Bates, Montgomeryshire

Alun Davies, Mid and West Wales

Brynle Williams, North Wales

Committee Service

Virginia Hawkins, Clerk

Claire Griffiths, Deputy Clerk

Item 1: Election of Committee Chair

1.1 The Clerk asked for nominations for the Committee Chair under SO10.18. Brynle Williams nominated Alun Davies who was duly elected.

Item 2: Proposal to agree the subject and project plan for the Sub-Committee's first scrutiny inquiry

2.1 The Chair advised that Members were in agreement to undertaking an inquiry into Bovine TB. Members agreed the terms of reference and also to meeting at the Royal Welsh Show on 25 July when the first evidence would be taken. 2.2 The Chair advised that he proposed that a further evidence session be held during the recess and that Committee scrutinised the Minister and Chief Veterinary Officer at its first scheduled meeting in the autumn. He added that he proposed the report be published at the end of September. 2.3 It was suggested that Committee considers visiting Ireland to gather additional evidence. It was agreed that the Clerk would investigate this with a view to undertaking such a visit early in September. 2.4 Members also agreed that Lorraine Barrett would sit on the Sub-Committee for the duration of this inquiry.