

Rural Development Sub-committee

Minutes (RD(3)-07-07)

Date: 29 November 2007

Time: 11:00 - 12:15

Venue: Committee Room 3, Senedd, Cardiff Bay

Assembly Members in Attendance

Alun Davies (Chair), Mid and West Wales
Lorraine Barrett, Cardiff South and Penarth
Mick Bates, Montgomeryshire
Andrew RT Davies, South Wales Central
Alun Ffred Jones, Arfon

Committee Service

Virginia Hawkins, Clerk
Joanne Clinton, Deputy Clerk

Others in attendance

Elin Jones AM, Minister for Rural Affairs
Christianne Glossop, Chief Veterinary Officer
Rory O'Sullivan, Head, Countryside Policy Division

Item 1: Introduction, Apologies and Substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Brynle Williams. Andrew RT Davies was attending as his substitute.

Item 2: Developments with the foot-and-mouth outbreak

2.1 The Chair welcomed the Minister for Rural Affairs and her officials to the meeting and invited her to introduce her written submission in relation to developments with the foot-and-mouth outbreak. Members were invited to comment and question from Members.

Item 3: Agree terms of reference for the Sub-committee's second scrutiny inquiry

3.1 The Chair introduced a paper on proposed terms of reference for the Sub-committee's second scrutiny inquiry and invited comments from Members.

3.2 The Committee agreed the terms of reference for the inquiry and further agreed to appoint an expert adviser for the inquiry.