

Rural Development Sub-Committee

Minutes (RDC(3)-11-09)

Date: 8 July 2009

Time: 9:30- 10:45

Venue: Committee Room 3, Senedd

Assembly Members in Attendance

Alun Davies, Mid and West Wales

Peter Black, South Wales West

Rhodri Glyn Thomas, Carmarthen East and Dinefwr

Brynle Williams, North Wales

Committee Service

Claire Morris, Clerk

Meriel Singleton, Deputy Clerk

Others in Attendance

Elin Jones, Minister for Rural Affairs

Christianne Glossop, Chief Veterinary Officer

Dafydd Saunders-Jones, Head of TB Team, Office of the Chief Veterinary Officer

1: Introduction, Apologies and Substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting.

2: Progress Report on the Bovine TB Eradication Programme

2.1 The Chair welcomed the Minister and her officials to the meeting. Members questioned the Minister.

2.2 The Minister agreed to provide the Committee with a note on the analysis of the results of the randomised badger culling trials that took place in England.

3: Motion under Standing Order 10.37 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting

3.1 The Chair moved a motion, under Standing Order 10.37(vi), to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting to discuss the draft report of the inquiry into the production and promotion of Welsh food; the draft annual report and the Committee's forward work programme.

3.2 The Committee agreed to the motion.

4: Inquiry into Production and Promotion of Welsh Food - discussion of key issues

4.1 The Committee discussed the draft report of the inquiry into the production and promotion of Welsh Food and agreed to provide comments to the Clerk by 10 July.

5: Draft Annual Report

5.1 The Committee agreed its draft annual report. This would be submitted to the Sustainability Committee for approval on 15 July.

6: Forward Work Programme

6.1 The Committee agreed it would undertake inquiries into the future of the uplands and the dairy industry during the autumn term.