

COMMITTEE ON EUROPEAN AFFAIRS

Date: 28 June 2001

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: Committee Room 3

MEETING IN BRUSSELS

Purpose

To seek the Committee's agreement for a meeting date in Brussels and priorities for the visit.

Background

At its meeting of 23 May 2001, the Committee agreed to hold a meeting in Brussels this year to facilitate meeting with Wales' Members of the European Parliament (MEPs).

Meeting Date

MEPs are in Brussels Tuesday to Thursday. Any meeting at that time will clearly be inconvenient for a number of members but it is not possible to find a mutually convenient time. It is suggested that the Committee arrange for a meeting on 28 November 2000 as a time when MEPs will be in Brussels and the Chair will be able to attend. Approval from the Business Committee will be necessary to meet on this date.

If the Committee agreed to meet on 28 November, it is suggested that this meeting replace the scheduled meetings on 14 November and 12 December because of the close proximity of these dates.

Other Activities

The Committee is invited to indicate priorities for the time in Brussels. The following proposals are for starters:

- meeting with Welsh MEPs to discuss common concerns
- UK Representation to the EU
- The National Assembly for Wales Office – Assembly's EU priorities
- the Wales European Centre.

Recommendation

That the Committee agree to meeting in Brussels on Wednesday 28 November 2001 and indicate priorities for other activities during the visit.

Committee Secretariat