Economic Development Committee Ref:EDC 01-01 (Agenda)

Date: 17 January 01.

Time: 2.00 - 5.30pm.

Venue: Committee Room 1, National Assembly for Wales Building.

Item 1: Chair's opening remarks. (5 mins)

Item 2: Economic Development Minister's report. (20 mins)

Purpose: To provide an opportunity for the Committee to discuss urgent or emerging issues.

Paper: EDC 01-01(p1)

Item 3: National Economic Development Strategy. (40 mins)

Purpose: To consider the first draft of NEDS in preparation for future consultation.

Paper: EDC 01-01(p2) - NEDS – first draft for consultation.

Officials: Gareth Edwards. (EPD)

Item 4: Strategic Forward work programme. (15 mins)

Purpose: To consider the Committee's future business.

Paper: EDC 01-01(p3) – Strategic forward work programme (EDC).

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Item 5: Office of National Statistics. (30 mins)

Purpose: Report on progress.

Paper: EDC 01-01(p4) – Improving Economic Data for Wales.

Officials: Peter Fullerton. (SD)

Mike Phelps. (SD)

Karin Phillips. (SD)

Item 6: Structural Funds. (20 mins)

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Purpose: To consider the roles and responsibilities in respect of the implementation of Structural Fund programmes, including proposals for informing EDC on progress.

Paper: EDC 01-01 (p5) – Structural Funds reporting.

Officials: Hugh Rawlings (EAD)

Item 7: Objective 1 report. (20mins)

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Purpose: To receive an update on the European structural funds for which WEFO is responsible and an oral report concerning PMC.

a) Paper: EDC 01-01 (p6) - Objective 1 progress report.

Officials: John Clarke. (WEFO.)

b)Oral report on PMC from Christine Chapman.AM.

Item 8: EQUAL Community Initiative Programme. (30 mins)

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Purpose: To consider a final draft of the Wales EQUAL Community Initiative Programme.

Paper: EDC 01-01 (p7) Draft EQUAL CIP

Officials: Ruth Marks (Chwarae Teg)

Howard John (Disability Wales)

Damien O'Brien. (EAD)

Tracey Breheny . (EAD)

Item 9: Minutes of meeting on 13 December 00. (10 mins)

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Papers: EDC 19-00 (min)

EDC 01-01 (p8) – Action outstanding.