

Enterprise and Learning Committee

Minutes (EL(3) 13-09)

Date: Thursday, 4 June 2009

Time: 13:00 - 15:15

Venue: Committee Room 3, Senedd

Assembly Members in Attendance

Gareth Jones (Chair), Aberconwy
Christine Chapman, Cynon Valley
Jeff Cuthbert, Caerphilly
Paul Davies, Preseli Pembrokeshire
Nerys Evans, Mid and West Wales
Huw Lewis, Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney
David Melding, South Wales Central
Sandy Mewies, Delyn
Jenny Randerson, Cardiff Central

Committee Service

Siân Phipps, Clerk
Daniel Collier, Deputy Clerk

Committee Specialist

Graham Winter, Members' Research Service
Victoria Paris, Members' Research Service

Legal Adviser

Gwyn Griffiths, Legal Services
Stephen Davies, Legal Services

Others in Attendance

James Price, Director Transport and Strategic Regeneration
Simon Shouler, Director Roads and Projects Division
Alison Jones, Road Safety Engineer Roads and Project Division
Martin Stevenson, Acting Director of Transport Policy
Lee Waters, Director, Sustrans
Ryland Jones, Deputy Director (NCN), Sustrans Cymru
Richard Brunstrom, Chief Constable of North Wales Police
Sgt Alan Jones, North Wales Police

1: Introduction, apologies and substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed Committee Members and members of the public to the meeting.

2: Trunk Roads and casualty reduction

Papers: EL(3) 13-09 - Paper 1, EL(3) 13-09 - Paper 2, EL(3) 13-09 - Paper 3

Welsh Assembly Government

2.1 The Committee welcomed James Price, Director Transport and Strategic Regeneration; Simon Shouler, Director Roads and Projects Division, Alison Jones, Road Safety Engineer Roads and Project Division; and Martin Stevenson, Acting Director of Transport Policy.

2.2 The Committee scrutinised the Welsh Assembly Government's officials.

Sustrans

2.3 The Committee welcomed Lee Waters, Director, Sustrans and Ryland Jones, Deputy Director, Sustrans Cymru.

2.4 The Committee scrutinised the witnesses.

Chief Constable of North Wales Police

2.5 The Committee welcomed Richard Brunstrom, Chief Constable of North Wales Police and Sgt Alan Jones, North Wales Police.

2.6 The Committee scrutinised the witnesses.

Action Points:

The Welsh Assembly Government agreed to provide:

Details of the evaluation of road safety campaigns, in particular how initiatives are funded through the Local Road Safety Grant and the Transport Grant for Safe Routes in Communities.

A list of trunk roads in Wales where perceived and actual incidents occur.

Figures on the safety record of 3 lane and 2+1 lane trunk roads.

The Chief Constable of North Wales agreed to provide:

Details on the compliance rate of vehicles checked in annual random stopping trials.

3: The Draft Committee Proposed (Legislative Competence) (Traffic Free Routes) Order 2009

Paper: EL(3) 13-09 - Paper 4

3.1 The Committee amended its draft proposed (Legislative Competence) (Traffic Free Routes) Order 2009, which would now be titled the (Legislative Competence) (Highways and Transport) Order 2009.

3.2 The Committee commented on and agreed the Explanatory Memorandum, which will accompany the Proposed (Legislative Competence) (Highways and Transport) Order 2009.

3.3 The Committee authorised Gareth Jones AM to be the "Member in Charge" of the Committee Proposed Order.

3.4 The Committee agreed to proceed with its proposed (Legislative Competence) (Highways and Transport) Order 2009, which would be laid under Standing Order 22.13 and 22.14 with its Explanatory Memorandum and agreed to write to the Chair of the Business Committee.

Paper to note:

Minutes of previous meeting

Paper: EL(3) 11-09 - Minutes

The Committee ratified the minutes of the 21 May meeting.

Private session

The Committee resolved to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting in accordance with Standing Order 10.37(vi).

4: Draft Committee report on the Education Maintenance Allowance 2009

4.1 The Committee commented on and agreed its draft Committee report on the Education Maintenance Allowance, which would be published shortly.

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