

# Enterprise, Innovation and Networks Committee

## Minutes EIN(2) 03-06

**Meeting date: 7<sup>th</sup> June 2006**

**Meeting time: 9.00 – 12.40**

**Meeting venue: Committee Room 2, Senedd, Cardiff Bay**

### Assembly Members in Attendance

Assembly Member	Constituency
Christine Gwyther (Chair)	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Leighton Andrews	Rhondda
Eleanor Burnham	North Wales
Alun Cairns	South Wales West
Andrew Davies (Minister for Enterprise, Innovation and Networks)	Swansea West
Janet Davies	South Wales West
Alun Ffred Jones	Caernarfon
Carl Sargeant	Alyn & Deeside

### Officials in Attendance

Name	Job Title
Gareth Hall	Director, Enterprise Innovation & Networks
Robin Shaw	Director, Transport Wales
Jonathan Price Julian Revell Patrick Lewis Tracey Burke Dr Robin Fears	Chief Economic Advisor Economic and Labour Market Statistics Director, Heads of the Valleys Programme Head of Strategy and Review Expert Adviser

## Assembly Parliamentary Service

Name	Job Title
Claire Morris Chris Reading	Clerk Clerk
Leanne Hatcher	Deputy Clerk
Gwyn Griffiths	APS Legal Advisor
Ben Stokes	Members' Research Service

### Item 1: Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

1.1 An apology was received from Kirsty Williams, Eleanor Burnham substituted.

1.2 Leighton Andrews declared an interest saying that his wife was Director of BT Wales.

1.3 A verbatim record of the meeting is available.

### Item 2: Minutes of previous meetings

Paper: EIN(2) 01-06 - Minutes of meeting held on 3 May

Paper: EIN(2) 03-06 - Action Outstanding

2.1 The Minutes of the meetings held on 3 May were agreed as a true record.

### Item 3: EIN Minister's Report

Paper: EIN(2) 03-06 (p.1)

EIN(2) 03-06 (p.2)

EIN(2) 03-06 (p.3)

3.1 The EIN Minister introduced his report.

### Action Points:

- A detailed bulletin on economic inactivity would be prepared later in the year and would be provided to the Committee on completion.
- A breakdown to be provided showing how many of the 10,000 SMEs reported as having been created with the assistance of Objective 1 funds are still in existence.
- The Minister agreed to write to Carl Sargeant and make the letter available to other members on the points raised about the A494 and A55 in North Wales. Specifically on (I) phase 2 of the

A494 development and whether there are any up to date figures on road traffic counts; and (ii) phase 3 of the A55 improvements and what consultation had taken place with those whose homes may be affected by the road scheme.

- A written note would be provided on the timescale and terms of reference of the review by Hybu Cig Cymru on the current state of abattoirs in Wales.
- Details would be provided on who Nypro Wrexham Limited had been supplying and reasons for the loss of the contract.

#### **Item 4: Heads of The Valley Strategy**

Paper: EIN(2) 03-06 (p.4)

4.1 The Committee received an update on the Heads of the Valleys Strategy.

#### **Item 5: Budget Priorities**

Paper: EIN(2) 03-06 (p.5)

5.1 The Committee considered it priorities for the EIN budget for 2007-08.

Actions Points:

- Details of the demand analysis for fibre speed to business parks would be provided.
- Clarification would be sought from the Central Finance Department on whether adjustments would be made to the budget to include indicative match funding.
- Copies of the strategy, policy and guidelines used to embed sustainable development in DEIN activities would be circulated.
- Clarification would be provided on the reasons for the major expansion of the improving rail and air services budget expenditure line and how this could be reconciled with the reductions to the budgets for improving integration and delivery of local transport and supporting walking and cycling.
- Clerk to draft response and circulate to Members.

#### **Item 6: EDT Health Check – update, recommendations and next steps**

Paper: EIN(2) 03-06 (p.6)

6.1 The Committee received an update on the health check of performance reporting systems.

Action Points:

- Further details would be provided on the research being carried out to explore client-centred performance monitoring, with particular consideration to GVA and return on investment tracking.

## **Item 7: Review of Science Policy – Consideration of Draft Report**

Paper: EIN(2) 01-06 (p.7)

7.1 In accordance with Standing Order 8.24, the Committee resolved to exclude the public from this item, while it considered recommendations for its review of Science Policy.

### **Committee Service**