

## ACTION ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS EDC-15-00 (p 1)

(Points are numbered for ease of reference)

Action point	Update	Action Complete?
1. Assembly Secretary to discuss with the Chair plans for a 'scene-setting' seminar with representatives of the various monitoring committees. The timing of this would be dependent on progress with Objective 2 and 3 and the Rural Development Plan etc.	Assembly Secretary to involve the Committee with the planning of the seminar	

### **ACTION: ASSEMBLY SECRETARY**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> March**

- Committee to consider Cardiff County Council's Development Plan for the Bay
- County Council to make a presentation to the EDC at the meeting of 15 November

### **ACTION: COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT**

#### **8 June**

- Members to be given advance warning if possible when an announcement was about to be made on the application for RSA by BAE Broughton. **(Item 1: Chair's opening remarks)**
- Announcement made **YES**

### **ACTION: ASSEMBLY SECRETARY**

#### **22 June**

- The Assembly Secretary to provide an audit of call centres as a paper. **(Item 3: Assembly Secretary's report)**
- Paper to be provided end November

### **ACTION: ASSEMBLY SECRETARY**

- The Assembly Secretary to talk to Stephen Timms, Treasury minister, to enlist Treasury support for regional distortion. Committee to return to the issue. **(Item 4: Operating Aids)**

Assembly Secretary to update

**ACTION: ASSEMBLY SECRETARY/CHAIR AND CLERK**

**6 July**

- The Auditor General's and the Audit Committee's reports on Cardiff Bay Development Corporation to be considered by the EDC

Reports to be considered in November (subject to Audit Committee's timetable).

**ACTION: CHAIR AND CLERK**

Ongoing

- The expert adviser to include recommendations on monitoring and evaluation of the Structural Funds in the context of the review of business support and development

**ACTION: EXPERT ADVISER**

- The Assembly Secretary to provide members with information on the visit of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution

Papers circulated on 14<sup>th</sup> September

**YES**

**ACTION: ASSEMBLY SECRETARY**

- The issue of childcare and the WAC report to be included on the next agenda.

To be included in October/November

**ACTION: CHAIR AND CLERK**

- The Assembly Secretary to keep members informed of progress on the Hyder issue  
Assembly Secretary to update
- Further thought to be given to a possible change in guidance to WIDAB following devolution
- The Assembly Secretary to give further thought to points raised by members with regard to sector selectivity and the issue of whether WIDAB advice should be over-ruled where a particular scheme was deemed to be of sufficiently critical importance to the economy in a particular region (**Item 3: Assembly Secretary's report**)  
Assembly Secretary to update  
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**ACTION: ASSEMBLY SECRETARY**

- The Assembly Secretary to provide members with a notional package which might be offered to an inward investor.  
In hand. Assembly Secretary to update
- The Assembly Secretary to update members on the ONS report which was to be issued shortly.

**ACTION: ASSEMBLY SECRETARY**

Paper to be provided in November

20<sup>th</sup> July

- The Committee's work on the National Economic Development Strategy to ensure that targets are consistent with those in Betterwales.com and the Structural Fund Programme Complements, and that the base year is clear In hand. This will be taken into account in ongoing work on the Strategy which is now proceeding

**ACTION: CHAIR AND CLERK**

- The Assembly Secretary to produce a paper for the Autumn setting-out alternative uses of the budget available, to include proposals from the range of agencies which would deliver the programmes. Assembly Secretary to update

- Assembly Secretary to provide an indicative figure for the cost of resourcing the provision of economic data Paper to be provided in November

**ACTION: ASSEMBLY SECRETARY**

- WEFO to advise on sums associated with regional and local plans. Chief Executive of WEFO to update

**ACTION: ASSEMBLY SECRETARY/JOHN CLARKE**

**13<sup>th</sup> September**

- Chair to write to all those involved in the Committee's trip to Ireland, thanking them for their efforts. [Item 1: Chair's Opening Remarks] Letters issued on 21<sup>st</sup> September **YES**

**ACTION: CHAIR AND CLERK**

- Inaccurate reference to "WPB" in paragraph 3.3 of the minutes of 6<sup>th</sup> of July to be amended to "WPD". YES
- Third bullet point on page 2 of minutes of 20<sup>th</sup> July to make reference to the Assembly Secretary's commitment to making extra resources available should the spending profile require. **[Item 2: Minutes of meetings of 6<sup>th</sup> and 20th July]** YES

**ACTION: CHAIR AND CLERK**

- Assembly Secretary to provide members with information about the All Wales Task Force on the Steel Industry **[Item 3: Assembly Secretary's Report]** YES

**ACTION: ASSEMBLY SECRETARY**

- Assembly Secretary to revisit the issue of related budgets in other MEGs (paragraph 26 of EDC-14-00(p5)). To be considered in the context of the budget discussions

**ACTION: ASSEMBLY SECRETARY**

- Committee to return to the issue of economic activity in the context of its work on the National Economic Development Strategy Paper to be provided in November

**ACTION: CHAIR AND CLERK**

- 25. Assembly Secretary to clarify basis for the estimated commitments figure for Cardiff Bay (paragraph 11 of EDC 14-00 (p5)) The First Secretary is writing to the Chair on this matter

**ACTION: ASSEMBLY SECRETARY**

- 26. Assembly Secretary to ensure that paper on the draft budget included estimated measures of outcomes in relation to To be considered in the context of the budget discussions

increased/decreased inputs. **[Item4:  
Budget Priorities]**

### **ACTION: ASSEMBLY SECRETARY**

- John Clarke to report on the impact of the delays in fast track approvals on the programme's expenditure profile. EDC-15-00 (p8)/Chief Executive of WEFO to update
- John Clarke to report to the Committee on the PMC's forthcoming discussion of the relationship between regional and local plans. EDC-15-00 (p8)/Chief Executive of WEFO to update
- John Clarke to investigate a reported delay in publishing the minutes of the PMC.**[Item 5:  
Structural Funds]** EDC-15-00 (p8)/Chief Executive of WEFO to update

### **ACTION: JOHN CLARKE**

- Clerk to submit members' comments on the draft report on stage 1 of the Quinquennial Review of the WDA and the terms of reference for the second stage to the Assembly Secretary **[Item 7: Quinquennial Review of the WDA]** Awaiting final comments from members

### **ACTION: CLERK**

- Chair to write to Michael Cochlin thanking him, on behalf of the Committee, for his contribution to its work. In hand

### **ACTION: CHAIR**

## **ALL-WALES TASK FORCE ON STEEL JOB LOSSES**

## **AN UP-DATE FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

1. The All-Wales Task Force held its first meeting on Thursday, 5 October. It was Chaired by Edwina Hart, Finance Secretary who stood in for the First Secretary at short notice. A list of those who attended is attached for reference.

2. The Task Force was set up to respond to job losses announced by Corus earlier this year. It was charged with helping to deal with the immediate consequences of the Corus announcement and with shaping a longer-term strategy for assisting the areas affected.
3. The Task-Force recognised that the local effort, by local authorities, the Employment Service and the TECs, which had been in place since the Summer, had been swift and effective. The Group was encouraged by the progress which had been made and agreed that in the light of further information which Corus was able to provide at the meeting and which would be the subject of a meeting between the Company and the Employment Service on 9 October, that the local response should continue to meet specific local needs.
4. It was agreed that local authorities would up-date their plans and the actions they would be taking in the light of further information which would now become available and would report to the Task Force in November. The revised plans would then contribute to an all-Wales plan which the Task Force would discuss at their next meeting in December. It was agreed that a co-ordination group would oversee the consistency of standard and response on the local plans.
5. It was also agreed to establish links with the Secretary of State for Wales to feed through concerns about the future of steel making, and the wider state of manufacturing industry in Wales and in the UK. The Group also wished to consider the marketing and promoting of areas affected by the job losses and the Group agreed to consider this further at their next meeting which would be held in December.
6. Since the meeting of the Task Force, Corus has announced further job losses at Port Talbot and Shotton with some reduced working at other plants. The Task Force will now urgently take on the response to these further job losses and along with assisting and supporting the areas affected, will give even greater emphasis to promoting the contribution of the industry to the economy of Wales.

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