

Economic Development Committee Ref:EDC 05-01(draft agenda)

Date: 21 March 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 (25 mins)

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

Paper: EDC 05-01(p1)

Item 3: Wales Wildlife and Countryside Link (40 mins)

Purpose: To discuss the WWCL views on current economic development issues, and offer recommendations for NEDS.

Paper: EDC 05-01(p2) The strategic opportunities and implications provided by ensuring sustainable development is at the heart of the National Economic Development Strategy.

In attendance: Marc Welsh - Director WWCL

Sylvia Davies – Council for National Parks

Tim Stowe – Director RSPB Cymru

Morgan Parry – Director WWF Cymru

Item 4: Objective 1 2 & 3 funds updates (40 mins)

Purpose: To provide an update on the objective 1,2 & 3 funds plus reports of the objective 1 & 3 PMC meetings on 12 & 19 March

Paper: EDC 05-01(p3)Objective 1,2 & 3 updates

Officials: John Clarke WEFO

Break for 15 Minutes

Item 5: ICT Review (60 mins)

Purpose: For the Committee to inform the conclusions of the consultation following the review of ICT strategy.

Paper: EDC 05-01(p4)

Officials: Nick Batey ICT Strategy Unit

In Attendance: Andrew Davies AM - Minister for Assmebly Business

Item 6: Minutes of meeting on 7 March 01 (10 mins)

Papers: EDC 04-01 Minutes

EDC 05-01(p5) Action outstanding