

ACTION ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS EDC 10-01 Action outstanding

Meetings prior to 13 June 2001

<u>Para in Action Minutes</u>	<u>Action by</u>	<u>Progress</u>
1 March 2000 Committee to consider Cardiff Harbour Authority's business plan.	Committee Secretariat	Harbour Authority has delayed consideration of plan – new date tba.
15 Nov (Item 3) Minister for Economic Development to provide a detailed paper on variations in costs associated with Cardiff Bay.	ED Minister	To be covered at time of development plan.
17 Jan (Item 7) Objective 1 PMC to consider issue of PMC papers to EDC at same time as their going to PMC.	Christine Chapman	On agenda for the (cancelled) 19 March PMC meeting. Now for June meeting.
31 Jan (Item 4) Wales TUC paper to go on BPC Agenda	ED Minister	On Agenda for 29 June meeting.
7 Mar (Item 5) Minister to provide paper on Better Regulation.	ED Minister	Agenda for 11 July
21 March (Item 4) WEFO to consider what information can be provided to allow monitoring of applications received, approved and rejected from the private sector.	John Clarke	WEFO paper for 23 May meeting not taken due to lack of time. Rescheduled for 27 June.
21 March (Item 5) ED Minister to put further paper to EDC on ICT and the economic implications of the proposals.	ED Minister	Paper to come in Autumn following plenary debate on the Information Age Strategy scheduled for July.
23 May (Item 2) Clerk to prepare paper following plenary discussion of Forward Work Programmes.	Clerk	In preparation.

Meeting on 13 June

Item 1	Acting Chair to write expressing best wishes to Chris Gwyther.	Chair/Clerk	Letter sent
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Item 2	ED Minister to provide written summary of the oral update to his report	ED Minister	Scheduled for Minister's report 27 June
Item 3	ED Minister to provide notes on: 3.4) causes of 'RSA' and 'WDA' underspends; 3.5) note on new processes for managing programme resources; 3.6) clarification of the CBDC underspend.	ED Minister	Scheduled for Minister's report 27 June
Item 4	John Clarke to investigate Objective 2 timetable	John Clarke	See note below
Item 5	Minister to clarify WDA's support for Recommendations 1 and 2 of Business Support Review.	ED Minister	Scheduled for Minister's report 27 June
Item 6	Minister to investigate veterinary basis for 3 km rule. (clarification of point from 23 May)	ED Minister	Scheduled for Minister's report 27 June

Note from John Clarke re Item 4 of 13 June meeting

Dafydd Wigley asked about the timing of approvals under the Objective 2 programme as mentioned on the WEFO website. We were unable to answer and have since investigated. Our findings confirm Mr Wigley's statement that it will probably be September before the first approvals are issued. The timetable has been worked up in full consultation with the relevant Local and Regional Partnerships and has their full agreement. The programme complement was agreed by the PMC on 14 May and we expect the first applications to reach WEFO, having been assessed and prioritised by the appropriate partnership by 27 July with the first approvals being issued in September.

Objective 2 is a 2000-2006 programme, like Objectives 1 and 3, and it is legitimate to ask why it is coming on stream almost 12 months after the other programmes. WEFO did not handle the negotiation of these programmes with the European Commission but is reliably informed that the reason is simply one of work scheduling by the European Commission in that DG Regio was handling both Objectives 1 and 2 and decided to do Objective 1 first. Objective 3, which for Wales was signed off at the same time as Objective 1, was the responsibility of DG Employment.