

Economic Development Committee

EDC 08-02(Agenda)

Date: 8 May 2002

Time: 2.00 – 5.30pm

Venue: Committee Room 1, National Assembly for Wales Building, Cardiff Bay.

Item 1: Chair's opening remarks (5 mins)

Item 2: Minister for Economic Development's report (25 mins)

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

Paper: EDC 08-02(p1) Minister's report

Item 3: Chwarae Teg (40 mins)

Purpose: To discuss Chwarae Teg's recent research findings and the barriers to women's employment in the Objective 1 regions.

Paper: EDC 08-02(p2)

In attendance: Ruth Marks – Chief Executive, Chwarae Teg.

Sian Swann – Regional Manager, SW Wales, Chwarae Teg.

Iain Willox – Board Observer, WDA

Item 4: Fiscal Variations (30 mins)

Purpose: To consider progress on fiscal variations including further analysis on the recommendations made in the PriceWaterhouseCoopers report.

Paper: EDC 08-02(p3)

Officials: Allan Moss (EPD)

Break for 15 Minutes

Item 5: IT and Broadband Connectivity (40 mins)

Purpose: To consider the development of, and barriers to, Broadband Connectivity.

Paper: EDC 08-02(p4) IT and Broadband Connectivity.

In attendance: Phil Williams AM

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Item 6: WTB Quinquennial Review – Strategic Issues. (35 mins)

Purpose: To consider the strategic issues arising from the WTB Quinquennial review.

Paper: EDC 08-02(p5) WTB Quinquennial Review – Strategic Issues

Officials: Richard Clarke (FP)
Jonathan Price (EcAD)

Item 7: Forward Work Programme and Annual Report. (10 mins)

Purpose: To finalise the Committee's Forward Work Programme 2002/2003 and Annual Report 2001/2002.

Paper: EDC 08-02(p6)

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Item 8: Minutes of previous meeting (10 mins)

Papers: EDC 07-02 Minutes.
EDC 08-02 Action Outstanding.

Papers for information: EDC 08-02(p7) Quarterly Economic Report.
EDC 08-02(p8) Statistics Bulletin.
EDC 08-02(p9) Draft report of 5 yearly review of WIDAB.
EDC 08-02(p10) Strategy for Older People in Wales.