

# Concise Minutes – Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Wednesday, 27 January 2021

Meeting time: 09.50 – 12.12

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Russell George MS (Chair) Hefin David MS Vikki Howells MS Helen Mary Jones MS Jack Sargeant MS
Witnesses:	Shavanah Taj, TUC Wales Cerys Furlong, Chwarae Teg Abigail Marks, Newcastle University Marianne Keyriläinen, Finnish Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment Antti Närhinen, Finnish Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment Professor Kirsimarja Blomqvist, LUT University Dr Noortje M Wiezer, Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research



Committee Staff:	Robert Donovan (Clerk) Lara Date (Second Clerk) Robert Lloyd-Williams (Deputy Clerk) Gareth David Thomas (Researcher)
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## **1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

1.1 Apologies were received by Joyce Watson MS and Suzy Davies MS

1.2 Jack Sargeant MS substituted for Joyce Watson MS

1.3 There were no declarations of interest

## **2 Remote Working: Implications for Wales – Workforce and equalities**

2.1 Shavanah Taj, General Secretary, Wales Trades Union Congress, Cerys Furlong, Chief Executive, Chwarae Teg and Professor Abigail Marks, Newcastle University answered questions from Committee Members

2.2 Cerys Furlong agreed to provide further details on the terminology and the difference between flexibility, agile, remote and distributed working.

## **3 Remote Working: Implications for Wales – International evidence**

3.1 Antti Närhinen, Ministerial Adviser, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Finnish Government and Marianne Keyriläinen, Ministerial Adviser, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Finnish Government answered questions from Committee Members.

## **4 Remote Working: Implications for Wales – International evidence**

4.1 Professor Kirsimarja Blomqvist, LUT University, Finland and Dr Noortje M Wiezer, Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research answered questions from Committee Members.

4.2 Dr Noortje M Wiezer agreed to provide further details on differential impacts on different groups of people.

## **5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public for the remainder of the meeting**

5.1 The Committee agreed the motion

## **6 Private**

6.1 Members considered the evidence heard during the session