

# Concise Minutes – Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Wednesday, 24 February 2021

Meeting time: 09.47 – 11.25

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Russell George MS (Chair) Hefin David MS Suzy Davies MS Vikki Howells MS Helen Mary Jones MS Jack Sargeant MS
Witnesses:	Hannah Blythyn MS, Deputy Minister for Housing and Local Government Lee Waters MS, Deputy Minister for Economy and Transport Simon Jones, Welsh Government Ian Williams, Welsh Government Adam Butcher, Welsh Government Richard Sewell, Welsh Government Lea Beckerleg, Welsh Government



	Viv Collins, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Robert Donovan (Clerk) Robert Lloyd-Williams (Deputy Clerk) Gareth David Thomas (Researcher)

## **1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

1.1 Apologies were received by Joyce Watson MS

1.2 Jack Sargeant MS substituted for Joyce Watson MS

1.3 Jack Sargeant MS declared he sits on a fifth-generation project consortium in north Wales

## **2 Paper(s) to note**

2.1 Letter from the Chief Executive, Transport for Wales

2.1.1 The letter was noted by the Committee

## **3 Remote Working: Implications for Wales – Ministerial Scrutiny**

3.1 Hannah Blythyn MS, Deputy Minister for Housing and Local Government, Lee Waters MS, Deputy Minister for Economy and Transport, Simon Jones, Director Economic Infrastructure, Welsh Government, Lea Beckerleg, Head of Remote Working Policy & Operations, Welsh Government and Ian Williams, Deputy Director, Homes and Places, Welsh Government answered questions from Committee Members

## **4 Broadband Update – Deputy Minister for Economy and Transport**

4.1 Lee Waters MS, Deputy Minister for Economy and Transport, Richard Sewell, Deputy Director, ICT Infrastructure, Welsh Government, Adam Butcher, Senior

Engagement & Policy Manager, Welsh Government and Viv Collins, Senior Contracts Manager, Welsh Government answered questions from Committee Members

## **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 session: Academic Fellowship Research on Access to Financial Services – Technical Briefing**

6.1 A private meeting was held with Mitchel Langford, Associate Professor, Faculty of Computing, Engineering and Science, University of South Wales

Professor Gary Higgs, Faculty of Computing, Engineering and Science, University of South Wales

## **7 Private**

7.1 Members considered the evidence heard during the session