

# Enterprise and Business Committee

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Meeting Venue:

**Committee Room 3 – Senedd**

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Meeting date:

**11 March 2015**

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Meeting time:

**09.15**

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## Agenda

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### **Pre-meeting (09.15–09.30)**

#### **1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions**

#### **2 Business Rates Policy – Federation of Small Businesses (09.30–10.30)**

(Pages 1 – 18)

Iestyn Davies, Head of External Affairs (Devolved Nations), Federation of Small Businesses

Josh Miles, Policy Advisor, Federation of Small Businesses

Attached Documents:

Research Brief

### **Break (10.30–10.40)**

### **3 Business Rates Policy – Ministerial Scrutiny (10.40–11.40)**

(Pages 19 – 20)

Edwina Hart, Minister for Economy, Science and Transport

Tracey Burke, Director of Strategy, Department for Economy, Science and Transport

Chris Sutton, Chair of the Business Rates Panel

Attached Documents:

EBC(4)–07–15 (p.1) Minister for Economy, Science and Transport

### **4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting.**

**De–brief (11.40–11.50)**

### **5 Draft Report on Assisting Young People into Work (11.50–12.00)**

(Pages 21 – 93)

Attached Documents:

Draft report on Assisting Young People into Work

### **6 Forward Work Programme (12.00–12.15) (Pages 94 – 95)**

Attached Documents:

Summer Forward Work Programme 2015

### **7 Papers to note**

#### **7.1 Letter from Jane Hutt to William Graham regarding Business Rates Policy**

(Pages 96 – 97)

Attached Documents:

EBC(4)–07–15 (p.2) Letter from Jane Hutt to William Graham regarding Business Rates Policy

#### **7.2 Written submission from the Welsh Retail Consortium (Pages 98 – 99)**

Attached Documents:

EBC(4)–07–15 (p.3) Welsh Retail Consortium – Rates in Wales

### **7.3 The British Retail Consortium (BRC) response to the administration of business rates in England (interim findings) (Pages 100 – 107)**

Attached Documents:

EBC(4)–07–15 (p.4) The British Retail Consortium (BRC) response to the administration of business rates in England (interim findings)

### **7.4 Summary of the rapporteur visits 12 February 2015 (Pages 108 – 111)**

Attached Documents:

EBC(4)–07–15 (p.5) Summary of rapporteur visits 12 February

### **7.5 Letter from The Older People's Commissioner for Wales to William Graham regarding the Older People's Skills Strategy (Pages 112 – 113)**

Attached Documents:

EBC(4)–07–15 (p.6) Letter from the Older People's Commissioner for Wales to William Graham regarding the Older People's Skills Strategy