

Concise Minutes – Enterprise and Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 1 – Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 3 December
2015

Meeting time: 09.15 – 14.27

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	William Graham AM (Chair) Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM Jeff Cuthbert AM Keith Davies AM Dafydd Elis-Thomas AM Rhun ap Iorwerth AM Eluned Parrott AM Joyce Watson AM
Witnesses:	Edwina Hart AM, The Minister for Economy, Science and Transport Professor Stuart Cole, University of South Wales Rhodri Griffiths, Welsh Government Tobyn Hughes, Nexus Stephen Joseph, Campaign for Better Transport Jane Lorimer, Sustrans Cymru



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	<p>Kamal Panchal, Local Government Association</p> <p>Steve Pilliner, Carmarthenshire County Council</p> <p>Chris Roberts, Sustrans Cymru</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>Gareth Price (Clerk)</p> <p>Martha Da Gama Howells (Second Clerk)</p> <p>Rachel Jones (Deputy Clerk)</p> <p>Andrew Minnis (Researcher)</p>

Transcript

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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 Apologies were received from Mick Antoniw AM and Gwenda Thomas AM.

2 Inquiry into Bus and Community Transport Services in Wales: Academic and Local Government Evidence

2.1 Professor Stuart Cole and Stephen Pilliner answered questions from Members of the Committee.

2.2 Stephen Pilliner offered to provide further information on the costs involved in running the Bwcabus service.

3 Inquiry into Bus and Community Transport Services in Wales: English Bus Policy

3.1 Toby Hughes, Kamal Panchal, Charles Loft and Stephen Joseph answered questions from Members of the Committee.

4 Inquiry into Bus and Community Transport Services in Wales: Sustrans Cymru

4.1 Jane Lorimer and Chris Roberts answered questions from Members of the Committee.

5 Inquiry into Bus and Community Transport Services in Wales: Welsh Government

5.1 Edwina Hart AM, the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport and Rhodri Griffiths answered questions from Members of the Committee.

5.2 Edwina Hart AM, the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport offered to provide the following information:

- Details on the key performance indicators of Bwcabus
- Details on total public funding for the Bwcabus scheme and the number of passengers carried for each year since 2009–2010
- Details on the level of subsidy per Bwcabus journey, views on whether it provides value for money and how this has been assessed
- Details on any smaller Bwcabuses used to link up communities including how many Bwcabuses are operating in each area
- A breakdown of the number of passengers using the Traws Cymru service and any information available on passengers' starting point and destination including whether the use of a commercial bus provider is necessary, and whether these commercial passengers are counted twice in the overall passenger numbers for that route.

6 Papers to note

6.1 Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Enterprise Bill

6.1.1 The paper was noted by the Committee.