

# Concise Minutes – Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 4 – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: Wednesday, 9 May 2018

Meeting time: 09.21 – 12.33

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Russell George AM (Chair) Vikki Howells AM Mark Isherwood AM Adam Price AM David J Rowlands AM Lee Waters AM Joyce Watson AM
Witnesses:	Profesor Calvin Jones, Cardiff Business School Matt Fenech, Future Advocacy Leighton Jenkins, CBI Cymru Professor Simon Blackmore, Harper Adams University Christopher Hoskins, Agrii Jason Llewellyn, J Llewellyn & Co Catherine Phillips, Business in the Community
Committee Staff:	Gareth Price (Clerk)



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	Abigail Phillips (Second Clerk)
	Robert Lloyd-Williams (Deputy Clerk)
	Katy Orford (Researcher)

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

1.1 Apologies were received by Hefin David AM

1.2 There were no substitutions or declarations of interest

## **2 Scene setting – Automation and the Welsh Economy**

2.1 Professor Calvin Jones, Leighton Jenkins, Matt Fenech and Catherine Phillips answered questions from Committee Members

2.2 Leighton Jenkins agreed to write to the committee regarding a question raised by Mark Isherwood AM that disabled people might be adversely affected by Artificial Intelligence changes

## **3 Precision agriculture – Automation and the Welsh Economy**

3.1 Professor Simon Blackmore, Chris Hoskins and Jason Llewellyn answered questions from Committee Members

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

**4.1 Letter from the Chair of the Public Accounts Committee to the Director General – Economy, Skills and Natural Resources Group regarding the UK Government Digital Service**

4.1.1 The letter was noted by the Committee

**4.2 Letter from the Auditor General for Wales to the Chair regarding the State of the Roads inquiry**

4.2.1 The letter was noted by the Committee

**4.3 Letter from the Chair to the Auditor General for Wales regarding the State of the Roads inquiry**

4.3.1 The letter was noted by the Committee

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

5.1 The Committee agreed the motion

## **6 Consideration of draft report – Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013**

6.1 The Committee discussed the draft report

## **7 Feedback on Committee visits to Amazon and Swansea University – Automation and the Welsh Economy**

7.1 The Committee discussed the recent visit to Amazon and Swansea University

## **8 Discussion of the pre-appointment hearing process – National Infrastructure Commission for Wales**

8.1 The Committee discussed the pre-appointment hearing process – National Infrastructure Commission for Wales

## **9 Community transport update**

9.1 The Committee discussed the community transport update