

# Agenda – Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 5 – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: 19 July 2018

Meeting time: 09.30

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

## 2 Paper(s) to note

### 2.1 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport regarding a petition to re-open Carno Station

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Attached Documents:

EIS(5)-19-18(P1)

### 2.2 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance regarding the Mutual Investment Model (MIM)

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Attached Documents:

EIS(5)-19-18(P2)

## 3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the following business:



**4 The Apprenticeship Levy – follow-up: Consideration of draft report**

(09:30 – 10:00)

(Pages 4 – 36)

Attached Documents:

EIS(5)-19-18(P3) Draft Report

**5 State of Roads in Wales: Discuss the submissions received for the picture competition**

(10:00 – 10:30)

**6 Selling Wales to the World: Consideration of draft report**

(10:30 – 11:00)

(Pages 37 – 76)

Attached Documents:

EIS(5)-19-18(P4) Draft Report

**7 Digital transformation – Scoping paper**

(11:00 – 11:15)

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Attached Documents:

EIS(5)-19-18(P5) Scoping paper

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Russell George AM  
Chair  
Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee

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06 July 2018

Dear Russell

Thank you for your letter of 8th June following a letter you have received from the Chair of the Petitions Committee regarding a petition to reopen Carno Station.

Our vision is to improve connectivity and enrich communities through improved transport systems and we are currently moving forward with our ambitious plans to reshape public transport infrastructure and services across Wales. The £2 billion investment proposed by Keolis Amey will play a major part in delivering this vision.

With the exception of the Core Valley Lines which will transfer to Welsh Government's ownership and thus why Keolis Amey are proposing to open new stations on this network, the remainder of the rail infrastructure will continue to be the responsibility of UK Government. Despite this, we continue to develop potential project business cases to bring investment to Wales and fund a programme of rail infrastructure improvements to enable additional and enhanced rail services.

We are using our existing powers and resources to accelerate the chance that rail stations in Wales are in a position to benefit from any station funding opportunities that may come forward from the UK Government. We have been doing this by taking forward the development work to prepare the early stage business case for new stations across Wales including Carno, and it should be noted that any proposal would only likely to be successful in securing funding if it is supported with a sound business case.

The development of a robust business case to support a proposal for a new rail station can be both lengthy and expensive. We have therefore developed a methodology to accelerate the development work that is needed and develop a project pipeline so that, when UK

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funding opportunities occur, there are Welsh projects at an appropriate stage of development that can be submitted for consideration and stand the best possible chance to secure funding. We have commissioned Transport for Wales to assist us with this exercise.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken', with a long, sweeping flourish above the name.

**Ken Skates AC/AM**

Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros yr Economi a Thrafnidiaeth  
Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport

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Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Gyllid  
Cabinet Secretary for Finance

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4 July 2018

Dear Russell,

I am writing to offer the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee a technical briefing about the new Mutual Investment Model (MIM).

The MIM will be used to deliver more than £1bn of investment in public infrastructure, in addition to the Welsh Government's ambitious programme of investment using capital budgets. It will do so in a manner which achieves a range of wider public policy objectives.

On 20 June, I published a written statement about the promotion of the public interest using the MIM. It is available at:

<https://gov.wales/about/cabinet/cabinetstatements/2018/publicinterestusingmim/?lang=en>

As the committee's is currently conducting an inquiry into the state of roads in Wales and has a wider interest the MIM, I would be pleased to offer members the opportunity to learn more about the model at a technical briefing with Welsh Government officials. If you are interested in this, could your committee clerks contact my private office to arrange a session.

I have also extended this invitation to members of the Finance and Public Accounts committees.

Best wishes,



**Mark Drakeford AM/AC**  
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