

# Concise Minutes – Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 1 – Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 12 March 2020

Meeting time: 09.35 – 12.00

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Russell George AM (Chair) Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM Hefin David AM Vikki Howells AM Helen Mary Jones AM Joyce Watson AM
Witnesses:	Rob Simkins, National Union of Students Ben Kinross, National Society of Apprentices Cerith Rhys Jones, Open University in Wales Rhys Daniels, Open University in Wales Gavin Jones, Airbus UK Milly Blenkin, GoCo Group Jassa Scott, Estyn Mark Evans, Estyn
Committee Staff:	Lara Date (Second Clerk)



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	Robert Lloyd-Williams (Deputy Clerk) Phil Boshier (Researcher)
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## **1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

1.1 There were no apologies, substitutions or declarations of interest

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

**2.1 Letter to Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales re follow up action points from 12 February meeting**

2.1.1 The letter was noted by the Committee

**2.2 Letter to Chair Public Accounts Committee re Ministerial Scrutiny on Employability Support Procurement Exercises**

2.2.1 The letter was noted by the Committee

**2.3 Letter from Chief Executive Transport for Wales re further evidence**

2.3.1 The letter was noted by the Committee

**2.4 Letter from Minister for Housing and Local Government re National Development Framework**

2.4.1 The letter was noted by the Committee

**2.5 Response by the Welsh Government to the Draft Budget 2020–21**

2.5.1 The response was noted by the Committee

## **2.6 Letter from the Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales re State of the Roads update**

2.6.1 The letter was noted by the Committee

## **2.7 Letter to the Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales re Retention Payments in the Construction Sector**

2.7.1 The letter was noted by the Committee

## **3 Degree Apprenticeships: Student voice and Open University**

3.1 Rob Simkins, President, National Union of Students Wales, Ben Kinross, Apprentice Engagement Officer, National Society of Apprentices, Cerith Rhys Jones, External Affairs Manager, Open University in Wales and

Rhys Daniels, Apprenticeship Programme Delivery Manager (Wales), Open University answered questions from Committee Members

3.2 Ben Kinross agreed to provide further details on Apprentice voice structures across Europe

## **4 Degree Apprenticeships: Employers**

4.1 Gavin Jones, Head of Early Careers Programmes, Airbus and Milly Blenkin, Talent Programme Manager for GoCo Group answered questions from Committee Members

## **5 Degree Apprenticeships: Education and Training Inspectorate for Wales**

5.1 Jassa Scott, Strategic Director, Estyn and Mark Evans, Her Majesty's Inspector, Estyn answered questions from Committee Members.

## **6 Motion under Standing order 17.42 (vi) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting**

6.1 The Committee agreed the motion

## **7 Draft Report: Barriers facing small home building firms**

7.1 The Committee discussed the draft report