

Enterprise and Business Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 3 – Senedd**

Meeting date: **Thursday, 27 September 2012**

Meeting time: **13:02 – 14:49**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Nick Ramsay (Chair)
Byron Davies
Julie James
Alun Ffred Jones
Eluned Parrott
Jenny Rathbone (In place of Keith Davies)
David Rees
Ken Skates
Dafydd Elis-Thomas
Joyce Watson

Witnesses:

Dr Alastair Davies, Head of Innovation Policy, Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science, Welsh Government
Alun Davies, Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and European Programmes
David Hughes, Head of Office, European Commission in Wales
Jane Hutt, Minister for Finance and Leader of the House
Damien O'Brien, Director of European Programmes, WEFO
Alison Standfast, Deputy Director of Procurement, Value Wales
Nick Sullivan, Value Wales

Committee Staff:

Siân Phipps (Clerk)
Kayleigh Driscoll (Deputy Clerk)
Gregg Jones (Researcher)
Robin Wilkinson (Researcher)
Anne Thomas (Researcher)

1. Informal briefing in private from the European Commission Office in Wales

1.1 David Hughes introduced himself to Members as the new Head of the European Commission's office in Cardiff.

2. Introductions, apologies and substitutions

2.1 1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the Committee. Apologies were received from Keith Davies AM, who was substituted by Jenny Rathbone AM.

3. Update session with the Minister for Finance on EU procurement policy

3.1 The Chair welcomed the Minister and her Officials. The Minister gave an update on EU procurement and answered question from the Members.

Action point:

The Minister for Finance on EU procurement policy offered to send the Committee up-to-date evidence regarding local sourcing.

4. Update session with the Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and European Programmes on Horizon 2020 and EU Structural Funds

4.1 The Chair welcomed the Minister and his Officials. The Minister gave an update on Horizon 2020 and EU Structural Funds and answered question from the Members.

Action point:

The Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and European Programmes offered to write to the Committee with a timescale of events and negotiations which are likely to take place over the next year. The Deputy Minister also agreed to provide an early copy of Dr Guildford's report when possible.