

Concise Minutes – Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Wednesday, 3 February 2021

Meeting time: 08.47 – 12.08

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Russell George MS (Chair) Hefin David MS Suzy Davies MS Mike Hedges MS Vikki Howells MS Helen Mary Jones MS
Witnesses:	Scott Pearson, Newport Transport John Burch, Confederation of Passenger Transport Jane Reakes–Davies, First Cymru Ken Skates MS, Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales Lee Waters MS, Deputy Minister for Economy and Transport Sioned Evans, Welsh Government Emma Watkins, Welsh Government



	Duncan Hamer, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Robert Donovan (Clerk) Robert Lloyd-Williams (Deputy Clerk) Andrew Minnis (Researcher) Ben Stokes (Researcher)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 Apologies were received by Joyce Watson MS

1.2 Mike Hedges MS substituted for Joyce Watson MS

1.3 There were no declarations of interest

2 Support and Funding for Bus Operators

2.1 Scott Pearson, Chair, Coach and Bus Association Cymru, Jane Reakes-Davies, Managing Director, First Cymru Buses Ltd and John Burch, Manager Wales & West, Confederation of Passenger Transport answered questions from Committee Members

2.2 John Burch agreed to provide further details about the adjustments between the budgeted levels of passenger numbers and the actual numbers across the patch.

3 General Ministerial Scrutiny – Covid-19 Business Support

3.1 Ken Skates MS, Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales, Lee Waters MS, Deputy Minister for Economy and Transport, Sioned Evans, Director, Business and Regions, Duncan Hamer, Chief Operating Officer Business and Regions and Emma Watkins, Deputy Director Economic Policy answered questions from Committee Members

3.2 Ken Skates MS agreed to provide a table they are compiling looking at comparisons between the business support Wales offers and the offers elsewhere in the United Kingdom.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public for the remainder of the meeting

4.1 The Committee agreed the motion

5 Private

5.1 Members considered the evidence heard during the session