

# Concise Minutes – Enterprise and Business Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 1 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 21 October  
2015

Meeting time: 09.30 – 12.16

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	William Graham AM (Chair) Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM Jeff Cuthbert AM Keith Davies AM Rhun ap Iorwerth AM Eluned Parrott AM Joyce Watson AM
Witnesses:	Julie James AM, The Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology Andrew Clark, Welsh Government Berwyn Davies, Welsh Higher Education Brussels Iestyn Davies, CollegesWales Professor Richard Davies, Swansea University Siân Holleran, CollegesWales Ruth Sinclair-Jones, British Council



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	<p>Huw Morris, Welsh Government</p> <p>Michaela Renkes, Welsh Government</p> <p>Jenny Scott, British Council Wales</p> <p>Professor David Shepherd, Bangor University</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>Gareth Price (Clerk)</p> <p>Martha Da Gama Howells (Second Clerk)</p> <p>Rachel Jones (Deputy Clerk)</p>

## Transcript

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### 1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 Apologies were received from Mick Antoniw AM, Dafydd Elis-Thomas AM and Gwenda Thomas AM.

1.2 Eluned Parrott AM declared her husband works for a Higher Education Institution.

1.3 Keith Davies AM declared his son is studying at a Higher Education Institution.

### 2 Update session on Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+

2.1 Professor Richard Davies, Professor David Shepherd and Berwyn Davies answered questions from Members of the Committee.

### 3 Update session on Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+

3.1 Iestyn Davies and Siân Holleran answered questions from Members of the Committee.

3.2 Iestyn Davies offered to provide further information in some months' time regarding how Welsh Further Education Institutions work with the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) to support the construction and engineering sectors.

## **4 Update session on Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+**

4.1 Jenny Scott and Ruth Sinclair-Jones answered questions from Members of the Committee.

## **5 Update session on Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+**

5.1 Julie James AM, the Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology, Huw Morris, Andrew Clark and Michaela Renkes answered questions from Members of the Committee.

5.2 The Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology agreed to provide feedback regarding the Global Wales initiative following its first meeting, which is due to take place in November.

5.3 Huw Morris offered to write to the Committee with detail of Welsh Government's involvement in the bidding process for EU funding including the numbers of educational institutions which made bids (with a breakdown of figures by region) and those which were collaborated, withdrawn or merged.

## **6 Papers to note**

### **6.1 Inquiry into the Potential of the Maritime Economy in Wales**

6.1.1 The paper was noted by the Committee.

### **6.2 Inquiry into the Potential of the Maritime Economy in Wales**

6.2.1 The paper was noted by the Committee.

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

7.1 The Committee agreed to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting.

## **8 Employment Opportunities for People Over 50**

8.1 The Committee agreed the draft letter to the Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology on Employment Opportunities for People over 50.