

Concise Minutes – Enterprise and Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 1 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 9 December
2015

Meeting time: 09.15 – 12.13

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	William Graham AM (Chair) Mick Antoniw AM Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM Keith Davies AM Rhun ap Iorwerth AM Eluned Parrott AM Joyce Watson AM
Witnesses:	Dr Rachel Bowen, Federation of Small Businesses Rhodri Evans, Federation of Small Businesses Chris Sutton, Welsh Government Janet Alexander, Institute of Revenues Rating and Valuation David Magor, Institute of Revenues Rating and Valuation Rhian Murphy, SlideFold UK Ltd Tracey Burke, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Gareth Price (Clerk)



	Martha Da Gama Howells (Second Clerk) Rachel Jones (Deputy Clerk)
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Transcript

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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 Apologies were received from Jeff Cuthbert AM, Dafydd Elis-Thomas AM and Gwenda Thomas AM.

2 Devolution of Business Rates to Wales – Institute of Revenues Rating and Valuation

2.1 Janet Alexander and David Magor answered questions from Members of the Committee.

2.2 David Magor agreed to provide the Committee with a copy of the report on virtual high streets produced by the Institute of Revenues, Rating and Valuation.

3 Devolution of Business Rates to Wales – Federation of Small Businesses

3.1 Rachel Bowen, Rhodri Evans and Rhian Murphy answered questions from Members of the Committee

4 Devolution of Business Rates to Wales – Welsh Government and CBI Wales

4.1 Edwina Hart AM, Minister for Economy, Science and Transport and Chris Sutton answered questions from the Members of the Committee.

4.2 The Minister agreed to report back to the Committee when she has met with Local Authorities to discuss their distribution of the hardship relief fund.

4.3 The Minister agreed to share the data that is currently collected on the assessment and collection of business rates and whether there are any plans to collect further, more accurate, information in the future.

5 Papers to note

5.1 Transport Planning and Funding

5.1.1 The paper was noted by the Committee.

5.2 Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+

5.2.1 The paper was noted by the Committee.

6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from remainder of the meeting and the beginning of the next meeting.

6.1 The Committee agreed to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting and the beginning of the next meeting.

7 Fourth Assembly Committee Legacy

7.1 Members of the Committee agreed the draft letter to the Finance Committee

Edwina Hart MBE CStJ AC / AM
Gweinidog yr Economi, Gwyddoniaeth a Thrafnidiaeth

Minister for Economy, Science and Transport



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

William Graham AM
Chair of the Enterprise and
Business Committee

04 April 2016

Dear William

I am writing regarding the Evidence Paper which was submitted to Enterprise and Business Committee prior to the 9 December session on Business Rates.

It has been brought to my attention that the Evidence Paper contained an inaccuracy. In paragraph 9.2 of this paper, the cost of the Wales Retail Relief Scheme was stated as being £9.5m in 2014/15. The actual cost of the Wales Retail Relief Scheme in 2014/15 was £9m.

I have asked my Officials to ensure that all published data on the recent grant funded schemes is reviewed and updated as appropriate.

Edwina Hart