

# Concise Minutes – Enterprise and Business Committee

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Meeting Venue:

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Meeting date: Thursday, 28 January

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2016

Meeting time: 08.45 – 14.20

**Glyndŵr University, Wrexham**

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	William Graham AM (Chair) Mick Antoniw AM Jeff Cuthbert AM Rhun ap Iorwerth AM Joyce Watson AM Janet Haworth AM
Witnesses:	Robin Smith, Rail Freight Group Pete Brunskill, Rail North Limited Pat Hackett, Mersey Dee Alliance Rebecca Maxwell, Denbighshire County Council Lorna McHugh, Transport for the North / Rail North Limited Jim Steer, Greengauge 21 Ben Still, Transport for the North Iwan Prys-Jones, North Wales Economic Ambition Board
Committee Staff:	Gareth Price (Clerk)



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	Martha Da Gama Howells (Second Clerk)
	Andrew Minnis (Researcher)

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## 1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 Apologies were received from Keith Davies AM, Eluned Parrott AM, Dafydd Elis-Thomas AM, Gwenda Thomas AM and Mohammad Asghar AM. Janet Haworth AM substituted for Mohammad Asghar AM.

## 2 Inquiry into the Priorities for the Future of Welsh Rail Infrastructure

### 2.1 Inquiry into the Priorities for the Future of Welsh Rail Infrastructure – business and rail interest groups

2.1.1 Iwan Prys Jones, Rebecca Maxwell, Councillor Pat Hackett and Jim Steer answered questions from Members of the Committee.

### 2.2 Inquiry into the priorities for the future of Welsh rail infrastructure – freight interest groups

2.2.1 Robin C Smith answered questions from Members of the Committee.

### 2.3 Inquiry into the priorities for the future of Welsh rail infrastructure – North of England and West Midlands Rail Bodies

2.3.1 Ben Still, Pete Brunskill, Lorna McHugh and Toby Rackliff answered questions from Members of the Committee.

## **2.4 Inquiry into the priorities for the future of Welsh rail infrastructure – train operating companies**

2.4.1 Michael Tapscott, Roger Cobbe, Richard Rowland and John Pockett answered questions from Members of the Committee.

## **3 Papers to note**

### **3.1 Welsh Government Budget 2016 – 2017**

3.1.1 The paper was noted by the Committee.

### **3.2 Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013**

3.2.1 The paper was noted by the Committee.

### **3.3 The future of Wales and Borders Rail Franchise**

3.3.1 The paper was noted by the Committee.

## **4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the remainder of the meeting and the beginning of the next meeting.**

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

## **5 Discussion of the Welsh Government response to the Rugby World Cup Transport Planning Report**

5.1 The Committee discussed the Welsh Government's response to the Rugby World Cup Transport Planning Report.