

Agenda – Enterprise and Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 9 March
2016

Meeting time: 09.15

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Private pre-meeting (09.15–09.30)

1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

2 Discussion of issues affecting the rural economy

(09.30–10.20)

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Ross Murray, President, Country Land and Business Association

Attached Documents:

Research brief – Rural economy

EBC(4)–08–16 (p.1) Evidence from the Country Land and Business Association

EBC(4)–08–16 (p.1a) Evidence from the Country Land and Business Association

EBC(4)–08–16 (p.1b) Letter from William Graham AM to the First Minister

Break (10.20–10.40)

3 Scrutiny of the EU Funding Ambassadors

(10.40–11.30)

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Dr Hywel Ceri Jones, EU Funding Ambassador

Dr Grahame Guilford, EU Funding Ambassador

Attached Documents:

Research brief – EU Funding Ambassadors

EBC(4)–08–16 (p.2) Evidence from the EU Funding Ambassadors



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4 Papers to note

4.1 Assisting Young People into Work

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Attached Documents:

EBC(4)–08–16 (p.3) Letter from the Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology regarding Assisting Young People into Work

4.2 Devolution of Business Rates to Wales

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Attached Documents:

EBC(4)–08–16 (p.4) Letter from the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport regarding hardship relief and business rates

4.3 Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Enterprise Bill

(Pages 50 – 51)

Attached Documents:

EBC(4)–08–16 (p.5) Letter from the Presiding Officer regarding a Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Enterprise Bill

4.4 Pressures facing the steel industry in Wales

(Pages 52 – 57)

Attached Documents:

EBC(4)–08–16 (p.6) Letter to the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills regarding the steel industry in Wales

EBC(4)–08–16 (p.7) Letter to the Secretary of State for Wales regarding the steel industry in Wales

EBC(4)–08–16 (p.7a) Letter to the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport regarding the steel industry in Wales

4.5 Higher Education Funding

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Attached Documents:

EBC(4)-08-16 (p.8) Letter from Christian Brodie to William Graham AM regarding the Students Loans Company and the introduction of Postgraduate Loans in Wales

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting.

6 Discussion on the draft report on the Priorities for the future of Welsh Rail Infrastructure

(11.30-11.55)

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Attached Documents:

Draft report on the Priorities for the future of Welsh Rail Infrastructure

Private de-brief (11.55 – 12.00)