

Enterprise and Business Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 1 – Senedd**

Meeting date: **Thursday, 3 April 2014**

Meeting time: **09.00 – 15.20**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

William Graham AM (Chair)
Keith Davies AM
Dafydd Elis-Thomas AM
Rhun ap Iorwerth AM
Julie James AM
Ann Jones AM
Eluned Parrott AM
Joyce Watson AM

Witnesses:

Carwyn Jones AM, First Minister
Edwina Hart AM, Minister for Economy, Science and Transport, Minister for Economy, Science and Transport
Matthew Brown, Communities Investment Fund Manager, WCVA
Professor Andrew Davies, Welsh Co-operative and Mutuals Commission
Gary Davies, Welsh Government
Phil Fiander, Director of Programmes, Welsh Council for Voluntary Action
James Price, Welsh Government
Professor Colin Riordan, Cardiff University
Anne-Marie Rogan, Swansea YMCA
Derek Walker, Wales Co-operative Centre

Committee Staff:

Siân Phipps (Clerk)
Claire Morris (Second Clerk)
Olga Lewis (Deputy Clerk)
Ben Stokes (Researcher)

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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 Apologies were received from David Rees AM, Byron Davies AM and Mick Antoniw AM. Ann Jones AM substituted for Mick Antoniw AM.

2 Inquiry into EU funding opportunities 2014–2020 (session 11) (09.15–09.45)

2.1. The Committee took evidence from Professor Colin Riordan, President and Vice Chancellor, Cardiff University.

3 Social Enterprises (10.00–11.00)

3.1. The Committee took evidence from Phil Fiander, WCVA, Director of Programmes; Matthew Brown, WCVA, Communities Investment Manager and Anne-Marie Rogan, Swansea YMCA, Chief Executive.

4 Social Enterprises (11.00–12.00)

4.1 The Committee took evidence from Edwina Hart AM, Minister for Economy, Science and Transport, Welsh Government; Professor Andrew Davies, Chair of the Welsh Co-operative and Mutuels Commission and Derek Walker, Chief Executive Officer of the Wales Co-operative Centre.

4.2 The Minister agreed to provide the performance indicators for the Welsh Government's support for social enterprises in the six-month update to the Committee.

5 Inquiry into the Welsh Government's approach to the promotion of trade and inward investment (14.00–15.00)

5.1 The Committee took evidence from the Rt. Hon Carwyn Jones AM, The First Minister of Wales and the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport, Welsh Government. They were supported by James Price, Director General, Economy, Science and

Transport, Welsh Government and Gary Davies, Head of European and External Affairs Division, Welsh Government.

5.2 The Minister agreed to provide:

- Note on the overall numbers of the permanent UKTI staff based in Wales and how these numbers compare with the situation in Scotland;
- Note on the proportion of foreign owned companies operating in Wales that receive direct aftercare support from the Welsh Government as compared to those that receive support from UKTI. Also, an indication of those companies who are engaged with on a regular basis, i.e. at least once every six months, and those that are less regularly engaged with;
- Note on the Welsh Government's intended approach to recording and publishing inward investment figures in light of changes in the definition used by UKTI (i.e. 10 per cent foreign ownership, rather than 50 per cent) and how the threshold of percentage of foreign ownership used by UKTI compares with other European nations.

6 Papers to note

6.1 The Committee noted the following supporting documents:

Private paper (further information on the Technology Strategy Board)

7 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the following business:

Consideration of the options for a visit as part of the Inquiry into Tourism, webchat with Higher Education/Further Education students and webchat on gender and STEM.