

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

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Title: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TRANSPORT MINISTER'S REPORT

Mergers Consultation

The consultation by the Welsh Assembly Government on the mergers of the WDA, WTB and ELWa ended on 15th April 2005. The consultation sought ideas and views from customers to help form and shape the new service. Some 125 detailed and constructive responses were received from a broad range of organisations across Wales. The main themes emerging from the consultation were:

the need for quick responsive decision making, with delegation to the regions;
an account manager approach for customers, providing a single individual who can deal with the whole range of issues;
the need to benchmark performance against best practice;
the need to retain and use specialist expertise;
the importance of advisory panels;
the importance of strongly integrated delivery between economic development and education departments;
the need for savings arising from the merger to be reinvested into front-line delivery.

This is a massive change project that is being managed well. The Assembly Government is working closely with all the ASPBs and trade unions to continue to ensure a successful transition. The mergers will reposition and restructure the Assembly Government to deliver more effectively.

Encouraging Innovation

- **Technium Challenge:** I congratulate ETL solutions, based at Blaenau Ffestiniog for their success in winning Technium Challenge 2005. The Award is well-deserved recognition of the company's growth potential and I am delighted they will now benefit from the first class business support, advice and innovation rich environment provided by technium.

Encouraging Entrepreneurship

Western Mail Business Awards: On Friday 20 May I was delighted to attend the Western Mail's annual Business Awards for Wales. These Awards have fast established themselves as one of the most important events in the Welsh business calendar, where the very best of Welsh commerce and enterprise gather to celebrate all that is best about doing business in Wales. I pay tribute to all of the winners but make special mention of The Admiral Group for their success in winning Welsh

Company of the Year. The Award is a worthy recognition of a highly successful year for the company marked by its full listing on the London Stock Exchange.

Supporting Business

WIDAB: Two new appointments (David Williams & Kerry Diamond) have been made to the Welsh Industrial Advisory Board (WIDAB). David Williams is a retired senior bank official at HSBC, whilst Kerry Diamond brings extensive experience in the financial management of companies in Wales and the UK. Both will strengthen the knowledge and commercial expertise the board offers, and, upon which I rely for impartial advice.

Accelerate Wales: I'm pleased that the success of the Accelerate Wales programme, as reported in the Western Mail on 14 May, has been recognised, particularly in the light of the recent uncertainties faced by the Welsh automotive sector in the wake of the closure of MG Rover. Since its inception in March 2001, the initiative, developed in consultation with and for the Welsh Automotive Industry following the Rover crisis of 2000, has helped generate £149m worth of deals, created 831 jobs across Wales and safeguarded a further 3,175. The 44 lead companies in the scheme have helped over 420 firms in our automotive sector in the past 4 years. Accelerate Wales has assisted automotive companies to become more efficient through diversifying their customer base. This resulted in only 3 Wales-based companies having in excess of 15% of their turnover with MG Rover in 2005.

Business Park, Llanidloes: Work is to begin on the infrastructure for a new business park on the site of the former KTH Aluminium die casting factory. The £4.8 million development will create a hi-tech 10,400 sq. ft business park, complete with a new access road. The Assembly Government is providing funding alongside the WDA and Objective 2 Programme with the aim of attracting knowledge based high skilled jobs to the area. I expect the development to encourage further investment and quality job opportunities to the town of Llanidloes and its surrounding area.

Establishing Wales in the World

Boosting Golf Tourism: US golf tour operators, who are part of the Golf Tourism Advisory Board set up by the Wales Tourist Board to help it promote Wales to US golfers, visited Wales on a four-day fact finding mission from May 11th. As well as visiting leading Welsh Golf courses and hotels, the party also discussed with WTB officials how best to encourage more tour operators to include Wales in their programmes. I believe Golf tourism has huge potential for growth, and there is no better time than now, in the run-up to the Ryder Cup in 2010, to tap into the US market which produces the greatest number of golf tourists in the world.

Iron Mountain Trail: I visited Blaenavon World Heritage site on 12th May to open the 'Iron Mountain Trail'. The 16-kilometre path will increase public access to this historic powerhouse of the industrial revolution. I also visited the Pontypool and Blaenavon railway, where I met with volunteer train and locomotive crew.

Tourism Training: On 16th May I met with representatives of the Tourism Training Forum for Wales and People 1st, the new Sector Skills Council for the Hospitality, Leisure, Travel and Tourism industries. We discussed how both organisations will

work together with the Assembly Government to help ensure that these important sectors get the training support they need.

Wales & Silesia: On the evening of Thursday 12th May I spoke at a reception at Technium 2/SA1, hosted by Swansea City and County Council for a group of 12 visitors from Wales' partner region of Silesia, Poland. The visit was part of a programme arranged by the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) who have established strong links with local government in Silesia. In August last year the WLGA signed a Memorandum of Understanding with their counterparts, the Silesian Union of Municipalities and Districts. The Silesian delegation comprised local officials and politicians from a range of municipalities across Silesia. They were particularly interested to hear about the role of government in assisting developments such as the Techniums.

EFQM Forum 2005: I met with Vincent Kane, Chair of the Wales Quality Centre, to discuss the progress to date of the EFQM Forum 2005, due to be held in Cardiff on the 4th – 5th October. The Welsh Assembly Government is amongst the sponsors of this major European event that attracts 800 plus senior decision-makers from many of Europe's leading companies. Officials are engaged in discussions about how best to maximise the benefits of the event by showcasing Wales, ensuring maximum exposure to other high profile events such as the Ryder Cup, and exploring the potential to create new business relationships.

Promoting ICT

Broadband Services Forum: On 16th May I opened the Broadband Services Forum event at the Wales Millennium Centre. Hosting the event in Cardiff will assist in the positioning of Wales as an ideal environment to attract high quality service creation stakeholders to invest in the country.

Setting a Fresh Direction

Heads of the Valleys: I chaired the inaugural meeting of the Programme Board, held on 24 May 2005, at Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council Office's. The Board is comprised of the Leaders and Chief Executives of the five Local Authorities that cover the Heads of the Valleys Programme area, together with the Chief Executives of the main ASPBs; the Director of Economic Development & Transport; and, the Programme Director, and representatives from the voluntary and private sector. The primary role of the Heads of the Valleys Programme Board is to oversee the preparation and delivery of a comprehensive long-term development strategy for the Heads of the Valleys.

Want 2 Work Project: I welcome the 18th May launch by the First Minister, and Department of Work and Pensions Minister, Ann Maguire of this major strategic project. Led by Jobcentre Plus, funded by Objective 1 and developed through the close working between the Department of Work & Pensions, and the Assembly Government's Education and Lifelong Learning and WEFO divisions, this project follows on the success of the Pathways to Work Pilot Scheme in Bridgend and Rhondda Cynon Taf.

Business & Environment Action Plan for Wales: The second annual report will be published and circulated by the end of June 2005. The action plan was launched at plenary on 25 February 2003. The purpose of this report is to illustrate progress and highlight achievements against the three-year action plan. It gives an account of the actions and activities undertaken by the Welsh Assembly Government and all its partner organisations. The summary report will highlight some of the achievements of businesses and public sector organisations in Wales.

Expert Panel on Resources Management: The expert panel is in the process of producing their first annual report to be published by the end of the summer term. The publicly appointed expert panel was established as a result of an undertaking in the Business and Environment Action Plan. The panel is tasked with evaluating the existing action plan and to provide advice on further phases.

Town Centre Regeneration: On 19 and 20 May I announced that a further two towns, Swansea and Neath, are on course to be approved for Objective 1 grant funding to regenerate their city and town centres, bringing to seven the number of town centres that will receive funding. On 24 and 26 May I announced that the Merthyr Tydfil and Rhyl town centre projects had received full approval. As part of the Mid-term Review, Priority 6 Measure 3 (Strategic Employment Sites) was expanded to provide for the regeneration of town centres, assisted by a £10m allocation from the Performance Reserve. Five town centres (Rhyl, Merthyr Tydfil, Holyhead, Mountain Ash and Llanelli) were prioritised to receive funding, with the approval of grant having already been confirmed for Town Centre Regeneration projects in Mountain Ash and Llanelli. Merthyr Tydfil and Rhyl now join Mountain Ash and Llanelli in having received full approval. Previously reserve list projects, the 'Swansea Strategic Waterfront – City Centre Core' and 'Neath Town Centre Launch Pad for Regeneration' projects are now going forward for full appraisal. 'Rhyl Going Forward' and 'Merthyr Tydfil Town Centre Regeneration' will receive £2.9m and £2.0m ERDF grant respectively. The selected projects will help create safer, more attractive and sustainable environments, leading to considerable benefits for local people, tourists and local economies.

Improving Transport

Transport (Wales) Bill: I am delighted the Bill was re-introduced into the House of Commons on 19th May. The Second Reading is expected in June. The Bill will give the Assembly Government the powers to take forward its integrated transport policies by placing a duty on the Assembly Government to develop and implement policies for promotion of safe, integrated, efficient, economic and sustainable transport facilities and services. The Road Safety Bill is also part of the legislative programme for this session of parliament.

Wales National Transport Conference: I spoke at this Conference for the third year running on May 12th. My address focussed on the Transport Review and the achievements that we have made over the past year.

Urban Walks Pilot: On 19th May the Deputy Minister launched the Urban Walks Pilot for Wales. This is one of the actions taken by the Assembly Government to implement the recommendations of the Walking and Cycling Strategy. In addition the Pilot seeks to tackle the growing issue of physical inactivity by encouraging habitual exercise.

'In Town Without My Car Day': I have written to all Local Authorities to encourage them to take part in the annual 'In Town Without My Car Day' to be held on 22nd September. The Day will also mark the end of European Mobility week, which runs from the 16th to 22nd September.

Freight Haulage on the Cambrian line from Aberystwyth-Chirk: A four-week trial has involved the use of the Freight Multiple Unit, a train with two drive units and freight-carrying modules in between. These trains are lighter than conventional freight trains and can accelerate rapidly to fit in behind passenger services. My officials have seen a video of the trial and received an oral report at a meeting with stakeholders. The trial was considered to have been successful. There were no delays for passenger services. Discussions have also been held about Freight Facilities Grant funding. An applicant has not yet been identified. The full report has not yet been completed but I look forward to receiving this in due course.

Rail Freight Park, Cardiff: A freight park, which is a result of a joint venture by the WDA and Cardiff Council, is to be developed alongside the existing Cardiff International Rail Freight terminal. When completed, the 35-acre park will have 435,000 sq ft of warehousing and freight handling facilities. I understand the freight park has the potential to create up to 200 jobs.

Jobs & Investment News

Gains

Sogefi Filtration: I was delighted to announce that Sogefi Filtration is expanding its automotive filter divisions at Llantrisant and Tredegar, with the assistance of an RSA Cymru Wales grant of £3.75 million. This investment by the company will create and safeguard 259 jobs spread between the two sites.

Haddon House: Haddon House Furniture Ltd has announced an expansion into a new facility at Sandycroft, Deeside. The expansion, supported via RSA Cymru Wales, will create more than 100 jobs at the new facility.

Melloy Limited: Company has recently announced a £1 million expansion programme. The relocation to and the fit out of the new facility at Treforest has been supported by a Finance Wales loan and a £50,000 Assembly Investment Grant.

Cardinal Packaging: Ebbw Vale based company will create 66 new jobs as part of a £6m investment project. The company, which I visited recently, has accepted an offer of RSA for £1.2m to produce plastic and paper bags. The company currently produces around 150 million bags for companies including Adidas, Nike, Asda and Morrisons every year.

Losses

Deeside Furniture: The Company announced on 20th May the loss of more than 400 jobs at its operation in Holywell. The announcement is a huge disappointment and appears to have been driven by a commercial decision on behalf of the company to transfer production to its South Wales factories. My officials and officials in Job Centre Plus will do all they can to assist those workers affected.

Action Outstanding from EDTC2-06-05, 11 May 2005

ACTION POINT: The Minister agreed to update the Committee on the International Trade Strategy. The Chair agreed to make time available in the Committee schedule to discuss this further.

Since the launch of the International Trade Strategy in March 2003, WalesTrade International and its partners have been delivering a series of services to develop the capacity and capability of existing Welsh exporters and support the creation of new exporters. The results to date show that Wales is starting to reap the reward from this activity.

The latest Customs and Excise export statistics show a significant rise in Wales performance in 2004, with an increase of some 14.2% compared to 2003. This is at a time when the overall UK performance has increased by just 0.8%. Also, the amount of business which WalesTrade International has assisted companies to secure has increased tenfold since its creation (from £20m in 2000/01 to over £200m in 2004/05).

ACTION POINT: The EDT Minister noted that the Auto Technium project was supported by Structural Funds but agreed to inform the Committee what proportion of funding came from which source.

Objective 1 support for the Auto Technium project was approved in October 2003. However, the total cost of the project was revised upwards in January 2005 and WEFO are awaiting confirmation from the WDA on revised project costs. Until this has been received I am unable to provide current details of the proportion of funding that each match funding source will provide.

The sources of funding have been confirmed as Objective 1 grant, the WDA, University of Wales Swansea, Pathways to Prosperity and various private sector organisations.

ACTION POINT: The EDT Minister agreed to circulate a note to Members on the potential for Wales if successful in its bid as the location for hosting the Galileo Supervisory Authority.

As part of the commercial satellite system being developed by the European Commission, Galileo, a regulatory authority will be established by the Commission to oversee the legal, security, contractual and financial aspects of the project. This will be known as the Galileo Supervisory Authority (GSA).

The First Minister, following the Welsh Assembly Government's nomination by the UK Government, has made an outline proposal to the European Commission to locate the GSA in the Cardiff area. Although Galileo is a large, complex and technical project, the purpose of the bid is solely to find a home for the GSA (which will be created, staffed and managed by the European Commission).

The bid, based on a 'Team Wales' approach, focuses on the business and transport infrastructure, academic support, record of delivery within Wales, political commitment and possible economic support from the Welsh Assembly Government. Assembly officials, in conjunction with the WDA, are working with the Member State lead Department (Department for Transport) and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to develop the bid and ascertain the optimum way forward.

Benefits and opportunities to Wales

The GSA is expected to employ up to 40 professional staff, many of which will relocate from other areas and related organisations in Europe. It is currently difficult to quantify the direct benefits and opportunities presented by locating the GSA in Wales, these are likely to be indirect initially, but act as a catalyst as the project develops :

Will benefit and support a business case for the retention of Galileo ground infrastructure in the UK in future modernisation of the system. This will create further opportunities for the UK to participate in the Galileo programme;

Will enable Wales and the UK to take full advantage of Galileo, recognising that positioning and related technologies are a vital component of the work of the UK. For example, Traffic-Wales has all the required facilities to provide travel information and management for location based services supported by Galileo;

Being at the forefront of a flagship European project will boost the profile of Wales within the UK and Europe. If the GSA does locate in Wales, it would be only the second such European Union agency to be based in the UK. Will enhance the Welsh Assembly Government's excellent working relationship with European Commission transport officials.

Will stimulate research in the UK across a wide range of important technologies in non-satellite navigation techniques, mobile communications, mapping and Geographic Information Systems;

Hosting the GSA is consistent with the Welsh Assembly Government's core economic development and knowledge based economy strategy. Will potentially bring inward investment and jobs to the UK and help in our economic growth, as Wales has a number of major industrial strengths which would benefit from the Galileo system and services – including aerospace, rail engineering, logistics and the automotive sector. Could also provide local economic growth and employment to the immediate area in which it is located.

ACTION POINT: The EDT Minister agreed to circulate to Members the statement he previously made on energy

- Statement forwarded (20 May) to committee secretariat for circulation to members.

ACTION POINT: Officials agreed to provide Members with further details on the different sources of data that make up the private and public sector employment statistics.

Public and private sector employment in Wales

Definition

The public sector consists of central government, local authorities and public corporations. Classification of bodies to these subsectors is the responsibility of the Office for National Statistics (ONS). Its decisions are guided by the European System of Accounts and depend on the extent of public sector control over the body and the bearing of risks. This formal definition of the public sector can be different from popular perception. For example, general practitioners and most higher education institutions are not included within the public sector boundary.

Availability of data

The ONS publishes estimates of public sector employment for the UK as a whole, based on information gathered from public sector employers. However, it does not currently publish estimates for sub-UK regions on this basis.

Labour Force Survey

A public / private sector split of employment in Wales is available from the Labour Force Survey (LFS). This split from the LFS overestimates the size of the public sector relative to the national accounting definition described above. This is partly because higher education institutions are included in the LFS definition, but also because this is a survey of individuals rather than employers. The results depend to some extent on the perceptions of survey respondents. For example, someone working for a company contracted to provide services to a public sector body might see themselves as working in the public sector, when, on a national accounting basis, their employer is in the private sector.

However it is worth noting that, whilst there is bias in the LFS estimates of the level of public sector employment, there is no reason to think that there is bias in estimates of change over time or in comparisons between different parts of the UK.

Employer Surveys

It is quite common for an industry sector split of employee jobs data to be used as a proxy for a public / private sector split. Usually an aggregation of the public administration, health & social work, and education industry sectors is used to represent the public sector. The accuracy of this approximation can be assessed at the UK level. The table below gives a UK comparison between the industry proxy and the public sector employment estimates for 2003.

Around 15 per cent of public sector jobs are not in the three industry sectors described above and the public sector only accounts for about 70 per cent of the jobs in those

sectors. (Including higher education institutions in the public sector estimates would increase this to around 75 per cent.)

Given that the industry sector split of employee jobs provides a fairly poor

UK public sector employment and industry sector proxy in 2003 (000s)

	public sector employment	employee jobs proxy
Public administration, defense and compulsory social security	1,686	1,696
Education	1,307	2,261
Health and social work	1,807	2,888
Construction	83	
Other industry sectors	751	
Total	5,634	6,845

Source: ONS, public sector employment statistics and quarterly employee job series

approximation to the public / private sector split, the LFS is really the only source currently available for Wales. As noted above, there are weaknesses in the LFS estimates of the size of the public sector relative to the national accounting definition, but no reason to think that these lead to biases in trends over time or in comparisons between regions.

ACTION POINT: Minister agreed to provide the Clerk with copies of the Broadband strategy to circulate to Members.

- Strategy forwarded (13 May) to committee secretariat for circulation to members.

ACTION POINT: Minister agreed to provide the Clerk copies of the Manufacturing Task and Finish Group report to circulate to Members.

- Report forwarded (20 May) to committee secretariat for circulation to members.

Action Outstanding from EDTC - 20 April

ACTION POINT: The Minister agreed to update the committee on the process of updating Local Transport Plans, if the Transport (Wales) Bill fails to secure a further slot in the legislative programme. (Item 5)

- The Transport (Wales) Bill was included in this Parliament's legislative programme and was formerly introduced into the House of Commons on 19 May 2005.

ACTION POINT: The Minister agreed to update the Committee on the reason for the various Street Work Regulations being recommended for accelerated procedure. (Item 5)

- Subject to the Business Committee's determinations, I have recommended that the streetworks regulations currently under consideration proceed under the Accelerated procedure because:
 - the draft regulations are very narrow in their intended effect;
 - there are no additional financial implications for either the Assembly or local Authorities;
 - there are no significant financial implications for the public;
 - they are uncontroversial; and,
 - they need to be made as soon as possible for consistency across national boundaries.

***ACTION POINT:* The Minister agreed to provide further analysis on private sector involvement in the structural funds programmes. (Item 3)**

- The private sector plays a number of roles in the Programmes – as receivers of European grant funding (sponsors), as match funders of projects and as beneficiaries through intermediary schemes. The annexes show the following information:

Annex 1 provides a breakdown of private sector investment into the Structural Fund Programmes as both receivers of European grant funding (sponsors) and as match funders.

The following figures show the private sector match funding contributions as a percentage of the total match funding value:

35.9% of the total value of the Objective 1 Programme
 58.2% of the total value of the Objective 2 and Transitional Programme
 36.1% of the total value of the Objective 3 Programme

Annex 2 includes details of the top ten private sector contributors of match funding for Objective 1, divided into private (profit making) and private (non profit making).

These top ten private sector organisations aren't project sponsors of the respective project but could be 'partners' in the project.

Annex 3 includes details of the top ten private sector match funders for Objective 1, divided into private (profit making) and private (non profit making).

Action Outstanding from EDTC - 9 March 2005

***ACTION POINT:* The Minister agreed to update the Committee on the issue of sites for hazardous waste after meeting with Minister for Environment, Planning and Countryside. (Item 5.3)**

- See letter (MB/AD/296/05) in attached PDF document.

Action Outstanding from EDTC - 9 Feb 2005

ACTION POINT: The Minister agreed to raise the issue of the knock-on effect of the new Great Western timetable arrangements with the franchisees. (Item 3.8)

- First Great Western submitted their proposals for changes to their timetables in December 2004 and are liaising with Arriva Trains Wales to ensure that, as far as possible, services between the two companies connect. FGW have no plans for any changes to the timetable that will be introduced on 12 June. Arriva Trains have made changes to its timetables which also come into effect on 12 June aimed at improving connections with FGW. These are:

At Newport

00.50 (Saturdays Only) Newport to Craven Arms
Connects out of FGW 22.45(Fridays Only) from Paddington

At Cardiff Central

22.27 Cardiff Central to Rhymney
22.31 Cardiff Central to Penarth
22.33 Cardiff Central to Aberdare & Treherbert (Train splits at Pontypridd)
Connects out of FGW 20.15 from Paddington

23.37 Cardiff Central to Ystrad Mynach
23.41 Cardiff Central to Pontypridd
Connects out of FGW 21.15 from Paddington

At Swansea

23.30 Swansea to Fishguard Harbour
Connects out of FGW 20.15 from Paddington

I remain committed to seeing improvements to rail services in Wales and will continue to have regular discussions with both First Great Western and Arriva Trains Wales about the performance of their rail services.

Action Outstanding from EDTC - 19 Jan 2005

ACTION POINT: The Minister agreed to speak to Carwyn Jones about the impact of Cadmium pollution caused by agricultural fertilizers. (Item 2.6)

- See letter (MB/AD/296/05) in attached PDF document.

Action Outstanding from EDTC - 1 Dec 2004

ACTION POINT: Minister agreed to provide further information on the Mountain Bike Trails. (item 4.5)

- See letter (MB/AD/296/05) in attached PDF document.

Action Outstanding from EDTC - 10 Nov 2004

ACTION POINT: There was concern that the Forestry Enterprise had recently cut back on mountain bike trails and this conflicted with the policies of the WTB and the Government's own Health Strategy. The Minister agreed to take the matter up with the Minister for Environment Planning and Countryside. (Item 5.10)

- See letter (MB/AD/296/05) in attached PDF document.

Annex 1

Structural Funds Programmes 2000–2006: Private Sector Investment into Structural Funds

Programme	Number of Projects led by the Private Sector	Private Sector Match Funding (£m)		Total Approved Project Value (£m)	Private Sector Match Funding as % of Total Project Value	Total Value of Match Funding (£m)	Private Sector Match Funding as % of Total Value of Match Funding
		to Private led Projects	to all Projects				
Objective 1	230	131.6	527	2,514.8	20.9%	1,463.9	35.9%
Objective 2 & Transitional	37	3.4	88.2	218.5	40.3%	151.5	58.2%
Objective 3	73	10.2	38.3	183.3	20.8%	106	36.1%
Total	340	145.3	653.5	2,916.6	22.4%	1,722.7	37.9%

1. The European Commission has set Measure level targets for Private Sector match funding contributions which equate to the following figures at Programme level:

Targets set by the European Commission for Private Sector match funding as a percentage of total project value:

Objective 1	– 17.73%
Objective 2 & Transitional	– 26.05%
Objective 3	– 7.79%

Targets set by the European Commission for Private Sector match funding as a percentage of total match funding contributions:

Objective 1	– 34%
Objective 2 & Transitional	– 40.68%
Objective 3	– 13.3%

2. Data Correct as at end of April 2005.

**Structural Funds Programmes 2000–2006: Top Ten Private Sector Match Funders
(as contributors) for Objective 1**

Private (Profit Making) Sector

Sponsor Name	Number of Funded Projects	Amount of private sector match funding contributed to Objective 1 projects (£)
Barclays Bank	4	13,630,200
Fujitsu	1	4,149,000
Welsh Rugby Union	1	1,582,400
Silicon Graphics Ltd	1	1,550,000
Agilent Technologies UK Ltd	1	1,350,136
British Telecom	3	1,249,082
UK Land & Property	1	1,000,000
Corus	4	997,908
British Petroleum Ltd	5	695,537
Channel 4	2	512,385

• **Private (Non Profit Making) Sector**

Sponsor Name	Number of Funded Projects	Amount of private sector match funding contributed to Objective 1 projects (£)
Careers Business Company	3	3,152,878
Careers Wales West	3	2,915,593
Bryn Terfel Faenol Festival Shadow Trust	1	1,482,500
Ryder Cup Wales	1	1,100,000
Quatre Vents Foundation	1	802,760
Business Connect Wales Ltd	1	738,244
Careers Wales Mid Glamorgan	3	721,916
Working Links	3	358,000
PBI	2	272,949
Antur Teifi	5	224,513

Notes:

1. Private Sector match funders as contributors – these are the top ten private sector organisations which aren't project sponsors of the respective project but have provided private sector match funding to the European grant funded project. However, it should be noted that the contributors could be 'partners' in the project.
2. Data correct as at end of April 2005.

Annex 3

Structural Funds Programmes 2000–2006: Top Ten Private Sector Match Funders (as project sponsors) for Objective 1

- **Private (Profit Making) Sector**

Project Sponsor	Number of projects	Amount of private sector match funding contributed to own Objective 1 project (£)
Milford Energy Ltd	1	11,647,818
Stena Line Ports Ltd	1	8,800,028
WASP IT	1	4,592,401
Insight Investment	1	2,680,166
North Wales Business Technology Park Ltd	1	2,410,233
B&P Industrial Developments Ltd	1	2,033,668
Macob Projects Ltd	1	1,383,190
First Hydro Renewables Ltd	1	1,327,000
Dulas Ltd	1	1,008,541
Amgen Cymru	1	890,000

Private (Non Profit Making) Sector

Project Sponsor	Number of projects	Amount of private sector match funding contributed to own Objective 1 project (£)
Careers Wales Association	2	6,371,810
UK Steel Enterprise Ltd	1	1,660,936
Venture Wales	6	1,376,147
Antur Teifi	7	844,340
Faenol Cyf	1	686,508
Theatr Mwldan	1	549,497
Business Connect – NPT	11	548,482
HMP and YOI Parc	1	505,423
The Coalfields Regeneration Trust	1	408,782
Ufi Ltd Cymru	1	372,125

Notes:

1. Private Sector match funders as project sponsors – these are the top ten organisations that have committed private sector match funding to European-funded projects in which they are the project sponsor i.e. the project lead.
2. WEFO has a number of outstanding queries on some of the above projects, which are currently being explored. Therefore some of the figures may change in the future.
3. Data correct as at end of April 2005.