

Y Pwyllgor Menter, Arloesi a Rhwydweithiau

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Teitl: Papur i'w Gyflwyno i'r Trydydd Cynulliad

Diben

1. Gwahoddir y Pwyllgor i gytuno ar y Papur i'w gyflwyno i'r Trydydd Cynulliad yn Atodiad 1.

Cefndir

2. Gwneir y papur i'w gyflwyno i'r Trydydd Cynulliad ar wahân i Adroddiad Blynyddol y Pwyllgor am 2006-07, ac mae'n cynnwys materion allweddol y bydd ei olynnydd, o bosibl, yn dymuno eu hystyried yn ystod y Trydydd Cynulliad.

Cam i'w gymryd

3. Bydd y papur i'w gyflwyno i'r Trydydd Cynulliad, fel y cytunwyd arno gan y Pwyllgor, yn cael ei osod gerbron y Cynulliad.

**Gwasanaeth y Pwyllgorau
Mawrth 2007**

Atodiad 1

Enterprise, Innovation and Networks Committee

Report to Plenary under Standing Order 9.9: Legacy Report - 2003 to 2007

1. Introduction

1.1 The Enterprise, Innovation and Networks (EIN) Committee is one of the Assembly's seven subject committees. Prior to the change in Ministerial titles on 1 April 2006, the Committee was named the Economic Development and Transport Committee. This report is made under Standing Order 9.9, which requires subject committees to report to the Assembly from time to time on their progress in fulfilling their work programme. The report is made separately from the Committee's

Annual Report for 2006-07, and includes key issues that its successor may wish to consider during the Third Assembly.

1.2 Copies of all the Committee's reports, agendas, papers, minutes and transcripts of meetings can be found on the National Assembly website.

2. Strategic Overview

Remit and Responsibilities

2.1 The Committee's remit is broadly based and mirrors the portfolio of the Assembly Minister for Enterprise, Innovation and Networks. This portfolio covers innovation and enterprise; industrial policy and business support; inward investment; promotion of indigenous companies and regional development; transport; energy; tourism; strategic co-ordinating responsibility for ICT; and the Structural Funds.

Work and Achievements

2.2 The work of the Committee during the Second Assembly can be found in the Committee's Annual Reports to plenary.

3. Legacy to Successor Committee(s)

3.1 During the course of the Second Assembly, the items listed below are ones which the Enterprise, Innovation and Networks Committee has considered as important. We suggest that future Committee (s) may like to consider these issues when setting their forward work programmes for the Third Assembly.

Wales: A Vibrant Economy

- Scrutiny and monitoring of the Assembly Government's economic development strategies, including tracking indicators and the performance of the Welsh economy.

Energy Policy

- Monitoring the progress of the Energy Route Map action plan.
- Monitoring the development of clean coal technologies.

Transport

- Monitoring the development of Road Pricing in the UK and its possible impacts on Wales.
- Scrutiny of the Assembly Government's Transport Strategy (Connecting Wales), and the Regional Transport Plans.
- Implementation of the Road safety strategy and progress towards the targets.

- Implementation of the Trunk Road Forward Programme.
- Continued monitoring of the performance of rail services in Wales, including the Assembly Government's management of the Wales and the Borders Franchise being delivered by Arriva Trains Wales, which is subject to the first performance review in 2007-08.
- Monitoring the Assembly Government's input into future planning and funding for the railways, including the Wales Rail Planning Assessment.

Structural Funds

- Monitoring the implementation of the Convergence programmes.
- Monitoring the implementation of the Competitiveness programmes.

Department for Enterprise, Innovation & Networks

- Continued monitoring of the department's performance following the merger of the Welsh Development Agency (WDA) and Wales Tourist Board (WTB) with the Welsh Assembly Government, Department of Economic Development and Transport (EDT).
- Scrutiny of expenditure on hospitality.

Aerospace

- Monitoring the impact and development of the aerospace industry in Wales.

Turning Heads: A Strategy for the Heads of the Valleys 2020

- Monitoring delivery of the strategic programmes and action plans.

Môn a Menai programme

- Monitoring development and delivery of the programme

Information and Communication Technology

- Monitoring implementation of the e-Wales action plan.

European Legislation

The Committee agreed the following issues from the Commission's work programme for 2007 for scrutiny:

- EU regional policy – the 4th report on economic and social cohesion and a communication on delivering the Lisbon agenda through the structural funds programmes;
- Energy policy – the Strategic European Energy Review and the accompanying package on issues such as renewable energies, clean coal and nuclear energy and its follow up;

- Science and technology – discussion paper for the future development of the European Research Area.
- Transport policy – green paper on urban transport; action plan for developing a rail freight network; clarification of state aid rules for the rail transport sector.
- Maritime policy – follow-up to the Green Paper on an EU Maritime Policy; proposal for a European Ports Policy.
- Employment and social policy – the mid-term review of the implementation of the EU's Social Agenda.

Policy Reviews

- The implementation of policy stemming from the Assembly Government's response to the Committee's report on its review of science policy in Wales.
- The implementation of policy stemming from the Assembly Government's response to the Committee's report on its review of economic inactivity in Wales.
- The implementation of improvements to the railway infrastructure and train services in Wales stemming from the Assembly Government's response to the report of the Rail Infrastructure and Improved Passenger Service Committee.

Primary Legislation

- The Road Transport Bill was remitted to the Committee on 28 November 2006. The draft Bill has not yet been published.
- The Marine Bill.
- The Concessionary Fares Bill which has some implications for Wales in relation to cross-border journeys.