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Lleoliad: Ystafell Bwyllgora 1, Adeilad Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru

Teitl: Blaenoriaethau ar gyfer blaen-raglen waith strategol

Pwrpas

1. Disgrifio sut mae'r gwaith o lunio blaen-raglen waith yn dod yn ei flaen a chael barn y Pwyllgor ynghylch ei flaenoriaethau ar gyfer y cyfnod Mai 2000 – Rhagfyr 2001.

Cefndir

2. Yn ôl Rheol Sefydlog 9.9, mae gofyn i bob pwyllgor pwnc baratoi rhaglen waith dreigl, sy'n cwmpasu cyfnod o 12 mis. Mae Panel Cadeiryddion y Pwyllgorau Pwnc wedi cytuno y dylai'r blaen-raglenni gwaith fod yn fwy strategol eu naws. Dylid clustnodi prif flaeoriaethau ar gyfer cyfnod o 18 mis a dylent godi o'r ddogfen 'Gwell Cymru' [drafft]. Ynghyd â'r rhaglenni strategol hyn, paratwir blaen-raglenni gwaith manylach, yn cwmpasu cyfnodau o dri mis.

Ystyriaeth

3. Ceir yn yr atodiad ddrafft cyntaf blaen-raglen waith strategol ar gyfer y cyfnod Mai 2000 i Ragfyr 2001. **Gofynnir i'r Pwyllgor:**

- ystyried y blaenoriaethau a restrir yn y papur (Atodiad 1);

- cynnig materion eraill i'w hystyried;

- dweud pa faterion y dylid rhoi blaenoriaeth iddynt.

Dylid eu cysylltu ag amcanion y Cynulliad fel y'u diffinir yn y ddogfen 'Gwell Cymru' [drafft].

4. Mae yna nifer o bynciau y bydd y Pwyllgor yn eu hystyried yn rheolaidd: adroddiadau Ysgrifennydd y Cynulliad; y Cyrff Cyhoeddus a Noddir gan y Cynulliad; cyllideb y Cynulliad. Caiff y themâu trawsffiniol, fel cyfle cyfartal, datblygu cynaliadwy ac Ewrop hefyd eu hystyried yn rheolaidd.

5. Mae llawer o gyrff allanol yn monitro gwaith y pwyllgorau yn rheolaidd a bydd y flaen-raglen waith ar gael iddynt ei darllen ar y Rhyngwyd. Am y rheswm hwnnw, cynhwysir manylion yr aelodaeth. y gofynion o ran y Rheolau Sefydlog ac ati.

This paper is a (first) draft. It may be subject to significant change following consideration by the Committee. Because of this, given the pressure on translation services, it not been translated at this stage.

Annex 1

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

DRAFT FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

May 2000 to December 2001

Duties of the Committee

1. The Economic Development Committee is one of six subject committees. The responsibilities of the subject committees are set out in the National Assembly's Standing Orders :

"9.7. each subject committee shall

- i. contribute to the development of the Assembly's policies within the fields for which the relevant Assembly Secretary is accountable to the Assembly;
- (ii) keep under review the expenditure and administration connected with their implementation; and
- keep under review the discharge of public functions in those fields by public, voluntary and private bodies.

8. Each subject committee shall also, within the relevant fields,

- i. advise on proposed legislation affecting Wales, including performing its functions under SO22;
- ii. provide advice to the Assembly Cabinet on matters relating to allocation of the Assembly's budget in accordance with

- Standing Order 19;
- iii. perform its function under Standing Order 21 (complaints);
 - iv. perform any functions assigned to it under the Code of Practice on Public Appointments Procedure made by the Assembly under Standing Order 20; and
 - v. consider matters referred to it by the Assembly within its fields."

2. Standing Order 9.9 requires the subject committee to maintain a rolling programme of work covering periods of at least 12 months.

For details of the Committee members click here *[insert hyperlink]*

The Committee's Aims and Objectives

3. The Committee will seek to contribute to the achievement of the aims and objectives set out in "Better Wales", the National Assembly for Wales's *[draft]* strategic plan. In particular, 'To build a better, stronger economy.' Therefore the Committee's aim is "to build an advanced, dynamic and more diverse economy in which everyone has a chance to prosper".

The Statutory Schemes

4. The Committee will also take account of the National Assembly's statutory schemes for relations with the local authorities and the voluntary sector, and the sustainable development scheme.

The Committee's Priorities

5. "Better Wales" *[draft]* sets out a number of issues for early action by the Assembly. The Committee will play a role in progressing the actions identified in chapter 5 'A better stronger economy' and chapter 4 'Better opportunities for learning'. In particular:

- **A national economic development strategy to promote jobs and enterprise**
- **An effective European strategy and a new body to help deliver it**
- **A development fund to help small and medium-sized businesses**
- **A revamped export service and a state of the art marketing campaign for Wales**
- **An information age strategy to help all of Wales benefit from the information super highway**
- **Better links between education and business**
- **Promotion of entrepreneurship**

6. The Committee can contribute in the following ways:

- to ensure a clear plan for economic development, by considering the National Economic Development Strategy and recommending appropriate targets;
- to ensure that full use is made of European structural funds to bridge the gap between Wales and the rest of the United Kingdom and between west and east Wales, by monitoring the implementation and effectiveness of the Structural Fund Programmes;
- to ensure everyone has the opportunity to participate in the new economy, by undertaking a review of business support and development. In particular, to consider the future of the TEC enterprise functions and the establishment of a development bank;
- to promote enterprise, through consideration of the Entrepreneurship Action Plan;
- to ensure that Wales can benefit from information and communication technology, through a review of ICT;
- to promote sustainable development, by assisting in the development of an energy policy for Wales, and by considering the sustainability aspects of all policies it considers;
- to raise the profile of Wales, by considering the Branding Wales initiative;
- to promote Wales as a tourist destination and so increase the contribution of tourism to the economy of Wales, by monitoring the effectiveness of the Tourism Strategy and considering options for development of the tourism industry, agri-foods and the cultural industries;
- to help develop confident communities, by considering the regeneration strategies.

Other Issues

7. In addition during the period the committee will also need to:

- regularly review the performance of the Welsh Development Agency and the Wales Tourist Board (Standing Order 9.7(iii));
- consider proposals for the Assembly's budget (Standing Order 9.8 (ii));
- consider secondary legislation as appropriate (Standing Order 9.8 (i) / 22)
- receive (at least monthly) reports from the Assembly Secretary;
- review cross cutting issues such as equal opportunities and sustainable development;
- develop a strong relationship with business (as required by the Assembly's Consultation with Business scheme).

DETAILED PROGRAMME

[To be worked up into meeting-by-meeting timetable.]

Committee priorities	Timescale	Better Wales' Targets
<p>POLICY DEVELOPMENT AREAS</p> <p>National Economic Development Strategy</p> <p>Consideration of draft proposals and suggestions for appropriate targets</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A National Economic Development Strategy to promote jobs and enterprise
<p>Continued consideration of structural funds, including implementation issues</p> <p>Output: feedback to the Cabinet on proposals</p>	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the number and quality of jobs and reduce economic inactivity, particularly in less prosperous areas • Implement action on equality of opportunity as a cornerstone of all European structural funds
<p>Review of business support and development</p> <p>The review will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the current range of business support and development programmes • Consider their effectiveness and whether they meet the needs of business • Establish whether the delivery methods are appropriate, identifying any scope for improvement and rationalisation • In the context of the National Economic Development Strategy, 	February – July 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build an advanced, competitive and more diverse economy, with a dynamic small and medium enterprise sector • An independent Development 'bank' or fund to be launched to help stimulate development among small and medium enterprises

<p>identify gaps in provision and make recommendations on how objectives can be achieved</p> <p>Output: a Committee report leading to a plenary debate and recommendations for improvement, rationalisation and/or additional provision to ensure the NEDS targets can be achieved.</p>		
<p>Valleys Action Plan</p> <p>Consideration of the draft action plan and monitoring of progress</p> <p>Regeneration Strategies</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the number and quality of jobs and reduce economic inactivity, particularly in less prosperous areas
<p>The Wales Entrepreneurship Plan</p> <p>To consider in consultation with other committees the Wales Entrepreneurship Action Plan.</p>	<p>March - July 2000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage people, including those in disadvantaged areas, to be creative and turn good ideas into new businesses through the implementation of the agreed elements of the Wales Entrepreneurship Action Plan
<p>Information and communication technology</p> <p>Development of information age strategy</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An information age strategy to help all of Wales benefit from the information super highway • At least 50% of companies to use e-commerce

<p>Science and technology</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Build an advanced, competitive and more diverse economy, with a dynamic small and medium enterprise sector
<p>Review of energy policy</p> <p>(terms of reference to be determined)</p> <p>Output: a Committee report leading to a plenary debate and recommendations</p>	<p>April - July 2000 (?)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stimulate development that conserves natural resources and respects the environment ● Encouraging greater energy efficiency within industry ● Develop a strategic framework for energy matters in Wales
<p>Attracting knowledge-based investment</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Build an advanced, competitive and more diverse economy, with a dynamic small and medium enterprise sector
<p>Tourism</p> <p>Monitor the tourism strategy, consider options for development of the tourism industry, agri-foods and the cultural industries</p> <p>Branding Wales</p> <p>Consider how the Branding Wales initiative should be taken forward</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A state of the art communication and promotion strategy to be agreed and implemented by 2001 ● The number of tourism trips to Wales to rise to 12.2 million per year by implementing the Tourism Strategy for Wales

<p>ASPB scrutiny (SO 9.7 (iii))</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welsh Development Agency • Wales Tourist board <p>Output: Committee to issue recommendations to ASPBs where necessary</p>	Ongoing	
<p>Budget (SO 9.8(ii))</p>	As required by SO timetable and also quarterly monitoring of expenditure	
<p><i>Scrutiny of Assembly Secretary</i></p>	At every meeting	
<p><i>Public Appointments</i></p>	As necessary	
<p>Legislation (SO 9.8(I) and 22)</p>	As necessary	