

Economic Development and Transport Committee

EDT2 03-05 Action outstanding

A. Action outstanding from previous meetings

Para in Minutes	Action	Action by	Progress
EDT 1 Apr (Item 3.5)	Minister agreed that it would be useful to have a detailed discussion on congestion charging at a future Committee meeting.	EDT Minister and Clerk/Chair.	EDT Minister to provide paper in early 2005. Latest information is that this has slipped and a report more likely in the summer term.
EDT 22 Sept (Item 2.15)	The Minister agreed to provide a note to the Committee on the legislative process for the ASPB merger.	EDT Minister	Paper on ASPB Merger to be presented to Committee on 1 December. Discussion on paper delayed until 9 Feb.
EDT 22 Sept (Item 2.15)	Committee to have formal scheduled discussions concerning the Government's proposals for the ASPB merger.	Chair/Clerk	Paper on ASPB Merger to be presented to Committee on 9 Feb.
EDT 10 Nov (Item 2.6)	Minister to provide precise plans on where savings could be made in the running costs of the WDA and WTB following the merger. This would be available once the 9 'work streams' had been examined and analysis of cost savings had been made.	EDT Minister	Expected in paper on 9 Feb.

EDT 10 Nov (item 2.8)	The Minister to bring forward concrete proposals on the Knowledge Bank which the Committee could scrutinise at the appropriate time	EDT Minister	Expected 9 March 2005 – subsequently advised this will be in the summer term.
EDT 10 Nov (Item 2.15)	Minister to provide a paper showing those areas of match funding which did not appear in the budget figures.	EDT Minister	Information expected in Minister's Report for 9 Feb
EDT 10 Nov (Item 4.4)	The Chair agreed to start the process of recruiting an expert adviser and considering the make-up of a reference group.	Chair/Clerk	Advert to be placed shortly
EDT 10 Nov (Item 5.10)	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.	EDT Minister	Minister arranging meeting. Await outcome.
EDT 10 Nov (Item 5.16)	The Chair agreed to write to Peter Hain asking him for a report on his visit to Australia and New Zealand.	Chair/Clerk	Chair has written to Peter Hain. Awaiting report.
EDT 1 Dec (item3.14)	WDA to provide further details of how many enquiries to Farming Connect were related to tourism.	WDA	Expected in Minister's Report 9 Feb.
EDT 1 Dec (item 3.24)	To provide further details on the fall in income from the Pathway to Prosperity fund	WDA	Expected in Minister's Report 9 Feb.

EDT 1 Dec (item 4.5)	Minister agreed to provide further information on the Mountain Bike Trails.	EDT Minister	Info awaited
EDT 1 Dec (item 4.11)	Minister agreed to report to the Committee on the reasons behind the recent unsuccessful bid for Objective 1 funding for Swansea Waterfront.	EDT Minister	Information included in response to Committee on 20 Dec – but only provided a list of successful Objective 1 projects not of the unsuccessful project referred to in Committee. Further information expected in Minister's Report 9 Feb.
EDT 1 Dec (Item 4.13)	Minister agreed to include a full cost analysis of the ASPB merger for discussion by the Committee.	EDT Minister	To be included in paper for discussion on 9 Feb 2005.
EDT 1 Dec (Item 7.3)	The Minister agreed to seek a meeting with the Minister for Environment Planning and Countryside on the disposal of hazardous waste and report back to Committee. (see also 13 Oct 2.3 and 10 Nov 5.9)	EDT Minister	Meeting to be arranged
EDT 19 Jan (Item 2.3)	The Chair agreed to seek clarification on this issue from the Panel of Chairs and the Presiding Officer about the impact of FOI on requests for information made in Committee	Chair	Members e-mailed outcome of Panel of Chairs discussion 28 Jan.
EDT 19 Jan (Item 2.4)	Minister agreed to provide further information on the WDA proposal to underwrite rental as a new funding mechanism. (see also 1 Dec, item 3.23)	EDT Minister	Expected in Minister's Report to Committee 9 Feb

EDT 19 Jan (Item 2.6)	The Minister agreed to speak to Carwyn Jones about the impact of Cadmium pollution caused by agricultural fertilizers	EDT Minister	
EDT 19 Jan (Item 2.9)	The Minister agreed to provide further information on what proportion of income International Property was for Welsh media Companies.	EDT Minister	Expected in Minister's Report 9 Feb
EDT 19 Jan (Item 2.12)	The Minister agreed to provide Members with details on the latest position of the re-opening of the 2 lanes of the A470	EDT Minister	Sent to Members 27 Jan
EDT 19 Jan (Item 3.4)	The Minister agreed to update the Committee on the work he had started on the Heads of the Valleys initiative, which included key stakeholders such as the WDA and Local Authorities Heads of the Valleys strategy.	EDT Minister	Covered in Minister's Report 9 Feb. Fuller report expected in March
EDT 19 Jan (Item 3.5)	The Minister agreed to take up the issues concerning the lack of engagement of the WDA in Communities First areas and to discuss issues concerning the social enterprise network with the relevant Minister	EDT Minister	Covered in Minister's Report 9 Feb. Fuller report expected in March
EDT 19 Jan (Item 3.8)	On Structural Funds, the Minister agreed to provide a comparison of retrospective projects for 2003 against those for 2004, detailing the nature of the project and the amount for the latest projects.	EDT Minister	

EDT 19 Jan (Item 3.9)	The Minister agreed to provide further information on how many of the jobs created by Structural Funds were full-time/part-time, the gender balance, which sectors the jobs had been created in and how many involved training as a part of the job.	EDT Minister	Expected in Minister's Report 9 Feb
EDT 19 Jan (Item 5.3)	The Minister to report on the outcomes of discussions with ONS about anomalies that seem to exist in the GVA figures	EDT Minister	Expected in Minister's Report 9 Feb
EDT 19 Jan (Item 5.4)	The Chair agreed to allow sufficient time at the next meeting to consider the GVA and latest ONS employment figures. The Minister agreed to provide further information in his next report	EDT Minister and Chair	Expected in Minister's Report for 9 Feb and in Quarterly Economic and Statistical Reports.
EDT 19 Jan (Item 5.6)	The Minister agreed to provide further information on the work that was progressing on alternative economic indicators	EDT Minister	Expected in Minister's Report 9 Feb.
EDT 19 Jan (Item 5.7)	The Minister agreed to provide further information on the number of jobs now being created in Wales compared to the rest of the UK	EDT Minister	Contained in Quarterly Economic Report and Quarterly Statistical Bulletin Papers 9 Feb.
EDT 19 Jan (Item 5.8)	The Minister agreed to provide a note clarifying the position on spending levels within the Corus Response Plan	EDT Minister	Response awaited
EDT 19 Jan (Item 5.9)	The Minister agreed to provide some information showing how Wales compared with other nations with regard to Broadband take up.	EDT Minister	Expected in Minister's Report 9 Feb

B. Draft Secondary Legislation selected for scrutiny

Ref. No.	Date selected by committee	Name/ Working Title	Purpose	Estimated timing for final draft to reach Committee
Transport				
28-1-2004		The Quiet Lanes and Home Zone Regulations, Wales	To enable local authorities to designate roads as quiet lanes or home zones; to enable local authorities to make use and/or speed orders for such designated roads	To be confirmed
28-1-2004		The Congestion Charge Regulations	To enable local authorities to introduce two forms of charging; congestion charging and working place parking levies	Expected end of summer term 2005

EU Legislation selected for scrutiny

Update to follow at 9 March meeting.