

# Concise Minutes – Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 1 – Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 27 February 2020

Meeting time: 09.33 – 11.45

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Russell George AM (Chair) Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM Hefin David AM Vikki Howells AM Helen Mary Jones AM Joyce Watson AM
Witnesses:	Dr David Blaney, Higher Education Funding Council for Wales Iestyn Davies, Colleges Wales Professor Julie Lydon, Vice Chancellor, University of South Wales Bethan Owen, Higher Education Funding Council for Wales Kieron Rees, Universities Wales Matthew Williams, Bridgend College Jeff Protheroe, National Training Federation Wales



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Committee Staff:	Robert Donovan (Clerk) Lara Date (Second Clerk) Robert Lloyd-Williams (Deputy Clerk) Phil Boshier (Researcher)
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## **1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

1.1 There were no apologies, substitutions or declarations of interest

## **2 Papers(s) to note**

**2.1 Letter from Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales to Secretary of State for Transport re Regional Air Connectivity**

2.1.1 The letter was noted by the Committee

**2.2 Regional and Business Airports Group report re Modal Comparison Carbon Footprint Model**

2.2.1 The additional information was noted by the Committee

**2.3 Letter from Chief Executive Transport for Wales re Regional and Business Airports Group report**

2.3.1 The letter was noted by the Committee

**2.4 Letter from First Minister of Wales to the Prime Minister re HS2**

2.4.1 The letter was noted by the Committee

### **3 Degree Apprenticeships: Higher Education Sector**

3.1 Dr David Blaney, Chief Executive, Higher Education Funding Council for Wales, Bethan Owen, Deputy Chief Executive, Higher Education Funding Council for Wales, Professor Julie Lydon, Chair of Universities Wales and Kieron Rees, Head of External Affairs and Policy, Universities Wales answered questions from Committee Members

### **4 Degree Apprenticeships: Work-based Learning Providers**

4.1 Iestyn Davies, Chief Executive Officer, Colleges Wales, Matthew Williams, Executive Director of Work Based Learning, Bridgend College and Jeff Protheroe, Director of Operations, National Training Federation for Wales answered questions from Committee Members

4.2 Jeff Protheroe provided the Committee with further information on the Activity Cost Model in regards to funding for foundational apprenticeships