

Terms of Reference for the Review of the Implementation and Impact of the Business Scheme

Introduction

1. This paper invites Council members to note the Terms of Reference for the review of the implementation of the Business Scheme¹. The review will be completed by February 2018.
2. The draft Terms of Reference for the Review is attached.

Background

3. Section 75 of the Government of Wales Act 2006² requires the Welsh Ministers to make a scheme setting out how they propose, in the exercise of their functions, to take account of the interest of business (the Welsh Ministers Business Scheme).
4. The Welsh Government last revised the Business Scheme in 2015 and laid it before the Assembly after consultation with Commerce Cymru and the Wales TUC.
5. The Business Scheme includes the requirement, at paragraph 31, that the Welsh Ministers should publish a report, at intervals of not more than two years, detailing how the proposals set out in the Business Scheme have been implemented.

Approach

6. Welsh Government officials will conduct the review, involving the Wales Social Partners Unit (WSPU).

Timing

7. The February meeting of the Council for Economic Development will be presented with the completed review.

¹ <http://www.assembly.wales/laid%20documents/gen-ld10374/gen-ld10374-e.pdf>

² <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2006/32/contents>

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Background

The Business Scheme was last revised in 2015 and a paper to note was produced for the Council for Economic Renewal (now known as Council for Economic Development) meeting of June 2015³. The revised Business Scheme was laid before the Assembly on 2 October 2015⁴.

A requirement of the Business Scheme is that regular formal reviews, at intervals of no more than two years, should be undertaken on its implementation and a report submitted to the National Assembly (paragraph 43, Section 75 of the Government of Wales Act 2006).

Scope and Objectives

To undertake a review of the 'Implementation and Impact of the Business Scheme' that:

- a. examines the application of the Business Scheme to date; and
- b. examines how effective the implementation of the Business Scheme is across the Welsh Government.

Timing

The February meeting of the Council for Economic Development will be presented with the review.

Approach

- The review will be conducted by Welsh Government officials with the involvement of the Wales Social Partners Unit (WSPU) (on behalf of social partners);
- Input will be sought from stakeholders, internally and externally to inform the review and identify recommendations;
- The review will be finalised and the Report laid before the National Assembly in accordance with Section 75 of the Government of Wales Act 2006.

³ CfER01/06/15 - <http://gov.wales/docs/det/meetings/150601-paper-to-note-en.pdf>

⁴ GEN-LD10374 - <http://www.assembly.wales/en/bus-home/Pages/Plenary.aspx?assembly=4&category=Laid%20Document&keyword=GEN-LD10374>