



To Enterprise Zone Chairs

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### **Invitation to provide evidence – Enterprise Zones**

The Finance Committee is inviting each of the Enterprise Zone boards to provide written evidence to help inform our short inquiry into Enterprise Zones in Wales. We also intend to conduct visits, and invite some of the chairs to give oral evidence.

#### **The inquiry's Terms of Reference**

The purpose of our inquiry is to consider what progress has been made in each of the seven zones. As a Finance Committee, we are particularly interested in the financial inputs and anticipated outputs from the zones.

The Committee would welcome your views on any or all of the following points:

- What is the scale of Welsh Government resource being targeted at Enterprise Zones?
- What influence are Enterprise Zone boards having on that Welsh Government resource?
- What are the strategic objectives of each of the Enterprise Zone boards?
- What are the specific incentives that are in place to encourage businesses to invest and locate in each Enterprise Zone in Wales?
- What are the specific outputs and outcomes that each EZ expects to achieve? (such as number of jobs created, businesses supported, number of businesses benefiting from business rates reductions, number of businesses using the Enhanced Capital Allowances)
- What are the achievements of each Enterprise Zone to date?
- What is the latest position in relation to the use of Enhanced Capital Allowances and what potential is there for extending their use to more Enterprise Zones in Wales?
- What is the expected impact on areas neighbouring or outside Enterprise Zones?
- How can the impact of Enterprise Zones on the local economy be maximised? (such as through the development of supply chains that use local businesses)
- Are the processes in place to ensure that Enterprise Zones are monitored and evaluated effectively?

- What approach is used to ensure that Enterprise Zones in Wales create additional economic activity?

### **Providing information to the Committee**

You are invited to submit written evidence to the Clerk of the Finance Committee at the above address, to arrive by **Tuesday 4 June 2012**. If you wish to contribute but are concerned that you won't be able to meet this deadline, please speak with the Clerk of the Committee on 029 2089 8409.

If possible, please supply an electronic version in MS Word or Rich Text format, by e mail to [FinanceCommittee@wales.gov.uk](mailto:FinanceCommittee@wales.gov.uk) by **Tuesday 4 June 2012**.

### **Disclosure of Information**

*Witnesses should be aware that once written evidence has been submitted to the Committee it is treated as the property of the Committee.*

*The Committee welcomes contributions in English or Welsh, and we ask organisations with Welsh Language policies/schemes to provide bilingual submissions, in line with their public information policies.*

*It is the Committee's intention to place written evidence on its website, and it may subsequently be printed with the report. The National Assembly will not publish information which it considers to be personal data with the exception of personal opinion and personal data relating to your identity as author of the evidence and the capacity, if any, in which you provide the evidence (for example, a job title).*

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Yours sincerely



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