

Communities and Culture Committee

Concise Committee Minute: CC(3)-12-10 : Wednesday 22 September 2010

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Time: 9.00 – 10.46

Venue: Committee Room 2, Senedd, National Assembly for Wales

Assembly Members in attendance

Sandy Mewies, Delyn (Chair)

Mohammad Asghar, South Wales East

Eleanor Burnham, North Wales

Mark Isherwood, North Wales

Dai Lloyd, South Wales West

Lynne Neagle, Torfaen

Joyce Watson, Mid and West Wales

Witness

Nick Capaldi, Chief Executive, the Arts Council of Wales (Item 6)

Committee staff

Tom Jackson, Clerk

Sarah Bartlett, Deputy Clerk

Jonathan Baxter – Member Research Service

1: Introduction, apologies and substitutions (9.00 – 9.05)

1.1 The Chair welcomed Committee members and members of the public.

1.2 Apologies were received from Alun Davies and Bethan Jenkins, there were no substitutions.

1.3 Joyce Watson declared that she was a Member of a Credit Union.

1.4 The Chair noted that the Deputy Minister for Housing had sent her apologies for not being able to attend this meeting and the Committee offered their condolences.

2: Motion under Standing Order 10.37 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for Items 3 - 5

2.1 The Chair moved a motion, under Standing Order 10.37(ix), to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting, to discuss matters relating to the Committee's internal business

2.2 The Committee agreed to the motion.

3: Committee Forward Work Programme (9.02 – 9.23)

Paper: CC(3)-12-10 (p5)

3.1 The Committee agreed its forward work programme.

Actions

- The Clerk was asked to circulate a letter from Alun Davies AM and the Presiding Officer to Members.
- The Chair agreed to write to the Welsh Affairs Committee and Business Committee regarding the issues raised in the letter.

4: Inquiry into the Private Rented Sector (9.23 – 9.38)

Paper: CC(3)-12-10 (p4)

4.1 The Committee agreed to carry out an inquiry into the Private Rented Sector.

Action

- The Clerk was asked to circulate the terms of reference and call for evidence to Members

5: Inquiry into 'Financial inclusion and the impact of financial education' – consideration of emerging themes and issues (9.38 – 9.45)

Paper: CC(3)-12-10 (p3)

5.1 The Committee considered a paper detailing the emerging themes and issues if their inquiry into financial inclusion and the impact of financial education.

Action

- The Clerk was asked to reflect Members' comments in the report of this inquiry.

Break – 9.45 – 9.58

6: Inquiry into accessibility of arts and cultural activities across Wales (9.58 – 10.46) – evidence from the Arts Council of Wales
CC(3)-12-10 (p2)

6.1 The Committee took evidence from the Arts Council of Wales as part of their inquiry into accessibility of arts and cultural activities across Wales.

Actions

- The Clerk was asked to send a number of Members' unasked questions to the Arts Council of Wales.

8: Papers Noted

8.1 The Committee noted the following papers:

CC(3)-12-10 (p6) – Inspection of UK Border Agency Operations in Wales and the South West

CC(3)-12-10 (p7) – Additional information from Heritage Minister following meeting on 8 July

CC(3)-12-10 (p8) – Note of Members visit to Ysgol y Berwyn – 26 June

CC(3)-12-10 (p9) – Note of Members visit to Swansea Citizens Advice Bureau

CC(3)-11-10 : Minutes of meeting held on 8 July 2010

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