

**Date:** 28 February 2001

**Venue:** Committee Room 3, National Assembly for Wales

**Title:** Culture Committee - Strategic Forward Work Programme  
January 2001-July 2002

### **Duties of the Committee**

1. Standing orders 9.7 and 9.8 set out the responsibilities of subject committees.

"9.7 Each subject committee shall

- i. contribute to the development of the Assembly's policies within the fields for which the relevant Assembly Secretary is accountable to the Assembly;
- ii. keep under review the expenditure and administration connected with their implementation; and
- iii. keep under review the discharge of public functions in those fields by public, voluntary and private bodies.

"9.8 Each subject committee shall also, within the relevant fields,

- i. advise on proposed legislation affecting Wales, including performing its functions under standing order 22;
- ii. provide advice to the Assembly Cabinet on matters relating to allocation of the Assembly's budget in accordance with standing order 19;
- iii. perform its function under standing order 21 (complaints);
- iv. perform any functions assigned to it under the Code of Practice on Public Appointments Procedure made by the Assembly under standing order 20; and
- v. consider matters referred to it by the Assembly within its fields."

### **Aims and objectives**

2. The committee has resolved to focus on those areas of policy development where they can make the greatest impact. The committee will also seek to contribute to the achievement of the aims and objectives set out in *Better Wales*, in particular, promoting active citizenship, creativity and

entrepreneurship; raising the international profile and influence of Wales and establishing it as a first class place to live, study, visit and do business; extending access to and awareness of the Welsh language, culture, heritage and sporting opportunities.

**Priorities**

3. The Committee will be seeking to develop a strategic approach to its work, focusing in greater depth on a small number of priority issues:

- examining the implications of the British Government’s communications White Paper for Wales
- undertaking a policy review of the Welsh language
- undertaking a policy review of sport

**Other issues**

4. Other items of committee business will include:

- regular performance reviews of the Assembly Sponsored Public Bodies (ASPBs) that fall under its remit (Standing Order 9.7(iii));
- consideration of proposals for the Assembly's budget (SO 9.8(ii));
- consideration of Secondary legislation as appropriate (SO 9.8(I) and 22);
- scrutiny of the Assembly Secretary (SO 9.11).

5. A detailed work programme for the period January 2001 – July 2002 is attached at annex A.

**Committee Secretariat  
February 2001**

**ANNEX A**

<b>Policy Development (SO 9.7(i))</b>	<b>Timescale</b>	<b>Better Wales' and Partnership Targets</b>



<b>Budget</b>  (SO 9.8 (ii))	Annually  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● initial views on priorities</li> <li>● views on preliminary draft budget</li> <li>● views on allocated resources.</li> </ul>	
<b>Public Appointments</b>  (SO 9.8(iv))	As necessary	
<b>Scrutiny of Assembly Secretary</b>	Monthly	

**ANNEX B**

**CULTURE COMMITTEE: FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME – DETAILED AGENDAS**

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|------------|---|---|
| Wednesday  | 1 | Presentation by the Wales Millennium Centre                 |
| 7 February |   |   |
|            | 2 | Committee’s review of Welsh language: initial consideration |
|            | 3 | Welsh Language (Public Bodies) Order 2001                   |

Thursday 15 February	1	Presentation/question and answer session with representatives of the National Museum and Galleries of Wales
(at National Museum)		
Wednesday 28 February	1	Presentation from Cardiff City Council on Cardiff's bid to host the European Capital of Culture 2008 (tbc)
	2	Assembly Minister's report
	3	Review of Welsh language: consideration of terms of reference
	4	Archiving of the Assembly's work
	5	Review of sessions with Wales Millennium Centre and National Library of Wales
	6	Other Committee's Work Programmes
Wednesday 14 March	1	Presentation from Sports Council for Wales
	2	Presentation from Council of Museums
	3	Consultation paper on standards for Public Libraries in Wales
Wednesday 28 March	1	Presentation from Welsh Books Council (tbc)
	2	Quinquennial review of NMW: draft interim report
	3	Quinquennial review of WLB: draft interim report
	4	<i>A Culture in Common</i> : Action plan
	5	Assembly Minister's report
Easter recess 9 April-29 April		
Wednesday 2 May	1	Presentation from Library and Information Services Council

	2	Policy Review – Welsh Language – evidence from the Welsh Language Board
	3	Presentation from the Welsh Books Council (tbc)
Wednesday 16 May	1	Policy Review of Welsh Language  - Roadshow No.1
	2	Assembly Minister’s report
Thursday 24 May (pm)	1	[Scope for additional Committee meeting here]  [either Roadshow No.2 <u>or meeting with Digital College</u> ]
6 June	1	Policy Review of Welsh Language – Roadshow No.3
	2	National Assembly’s Welsh Language Scheme
	3	Report on the "RESOURCE" consultation
20 June	1	Discussion of budget priorities
	2	Policy Review of Welsh Language
	3	Final quinquennial review reports on NMGW & WLB
4 July	1	Policy Review of Welsh Language – Roadshow No.4
18 July	1	Policy Review of Welsh Language
	2	Discussion of budget priorities

**SUMMER  
CONSTITUENCY  
WEEKS**

Oct-Dec 2001 (24 Oct, 7 Nov, 21 Nov, 5 Dec)	1	Conclude Welsh Language Policy Review
	2	Begin Policy Review on Sport

**CONSTITUENCY  
WEEKS**

Jan-July 2002      1              Conclude Policy Review on Sport

2              Begin Policy Review on (x)

At the first Committee meeting, members also suggested that it receive presentations from:

- representatives of local government (to explain that sector's contribution to culture in Wales)
- the Welsh College of Music and Drama
- The Craft Council
- The Musicians Union
- Representatives of the creative industries – including the rock, fashion and design industries in Wales

These will be incorporated into the work programme over the next eighteen months, when time allows.

**Committee Secretariat**  
**January 2001**