

**Date:** Wednesday 13 March 2002  
**Venue:** Committee Room 2, National Assembly for Wales  
**Title:** Culture Committee Draft Strategic Forward Work Programme : April 2002 to April 2003

### **Background**

1. Standing Order 9.9 requires subject committees to maintain a rolling programme of work covering periods of at least 12 months, and to consult other Committees and the Assembly Cabinet on the programme before notifying Plenary.
2. The Panel of Chairs has agreed that committees' work programmes should be strategic and cover an 18-month-2 year time frame, supported by more detailed work programmes covering a 3-month period.

### **Aims and objectives**

3. 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*, the Assembly's strategic plan, 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**

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

- concluding its policy review of the Welsh language
- undertaking a policy review of sport

5. These policy reviews should occupy the Committee until 2003

**Other issues**

6. 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));
- scrutiny of the Assembly Minister (SO 9.11).
- consideration of proposals for the Assembly's budget (SO 9.8(ii));
- consideration of Secondary legislation affecting Wales as appropriate (SO 9.8(I) and 22);
- public appointments – the Committee’s two public appointment nominees will take part in the process of appointments to public bodies as vacancies arise (SO 9.8(iv) and 20)
- complaints – the Committee will consider any complaints referred to it (SO 9.8(iii) and 21).

**Committee Secretariat February 2002**

**CULTURE COMMITTEE: FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME (MEETINGS HELD IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED)**

Wednesday 13 March	1	Welsh Language review – Discussion of themes emanating from the consultation exercise <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Status of the language</li><li>• Focus of policies</li><li>• Language planning</li></ul>
Wednesday 17 April	1	EASTER RECESS Welsh Language review – Discussion of themes emanating from the consultation exercise <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Language transfer/language shift</li><li>• In/Out Migration</li></ul>
	2	Minister’s report

	3	National Museums and Galleries of Wales: consultation on the display of art – Stage 2
Thursday 25 April (pm)	1	Welsh Language review – Discussion of themes emanating from the consultation exercise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education (pre-school and adult)</li> <li>• Economic and community development</li> <li>• Translation</li> </ul>
1 May	1	Welsh Language review – Discussion of themes emanating from the consultation exercise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roles</li> <li>• ICT (broadcasting and Internet)</li> <li>• Cultural Tourism</li> </ul>
	2	Committee's Annual Report
15 May	1	Welsh Language review – Headline report – Priorities & Recommendations
	2	Minister's report
29 May	1	Welsh Language review – first draft report
	2	Discussion with ITC about Communications Bill
	3	National Library of Wales: Quinquennial review – 1 <sup>st</sup> draft
19 June	1	Welsh Language review – second draft report
	2	Minister's report
	3	Discussion on budget priorities
27 June (Thurs pm)	1	Welsh Language review – sign off final report
3 July	1	Begin review on sport
	2	Minister's report
17 July (meeting likely to be held at National Botanic Gardens)	1	Policy review on sport
<b>SUMMER RECESS</b>		
October 2002 – April 2003	1	Conclude policy review on sport

Other items:

During the next few months, the Committee will also receive a presentation from Craft Forum Wales and from some of its Assembly Sponsored Public Bodies.

**ANNEX A**

**WORK PROGRAMMES OF OTHER COMMITTEES**

<b>Education and Lifelong Learning Committee</b>	<b>Proposed Policy Reviews</b>	The Welsh Language in Education (June 2002)
		The School of the Future
	<b>Possible items of joint interest</b>	The Welsh Language in Education
<b>Environment, Planning and Transport Committee</b>	<b>Proposed Policy Reviews</b>	Biodiversity
		Radioactive waste
	<b>Possible items of joint interest</b>	Incineration of waste None identified
<b>Health and Social Services Committee</b>	<b>Proposed Policy Reviews</b>	Review of Services for Children with Special Health Needs
		Other priority: Advising the Welsh Assembly Government on taking forward the proposals for the restructuring of the NHS and the development of the Primary Care Strategy
	<b>Possible items of joint interest</b>	None identified
<b>Local Government and Housing Committee</b>		

**Proposed Policy Reviews**  
**Possible items of joint interest**  
**Agriculture and Rural Development**  
**Proposed Policy Reviews**

Community Regeneration (on-going)  
None identified

The organic sector

An audit/progress report on the roll-out of  
European structural programmes in rural areas

Tir Gofal  
None identified

**Possible items of joint interest**

The Economic Development Committee (EDC) has not yet finalised its respective work programme, but will be concentrating its efforts on its on-going Energy Policy review (to be completed by autumn 2002).