

**CULTURE COMMITTEE – DRAFT STRATEGIC FORWARD WORK
PROGRAMME
APRIL 2002-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.

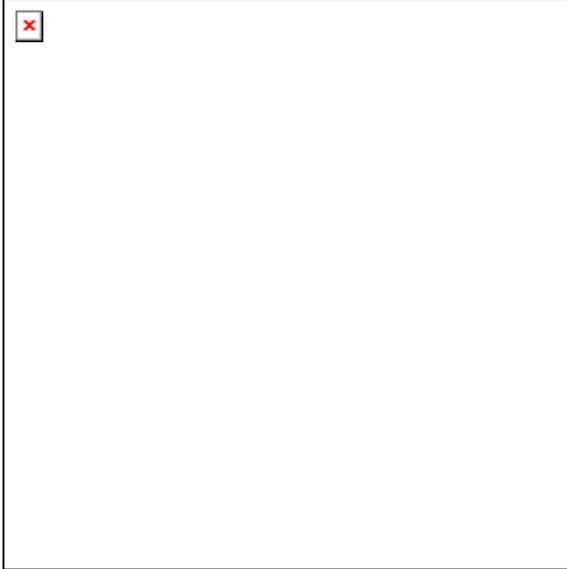
Priorities

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

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