

Concise Minutes – Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Wednesday, 29 September 2021

Meeting time: 09.30 – 12.50

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Delyth Jewell MS (Chair) Hefin David MS Alun Davies MS Heledd Fychan MS Tom Giffard MS Carolyn Thomas MS
Witnesses:	Jeremy Miles MS, Minister for Education and the Welsh Language Owain Lloyd, Welsh Government Bethan Webb, Welsh Government Aled Roberts, Welsh Language Commissioner Gwenith Price, Welsh Language Commissioner Dyfan Sion, Director of Policy and Research, Welsh Language Commissioner
Committee Staff:	Lleu Williams (Clerk)



	Martha Da Gama Howells (Second Clerk) Aled Evans (Legal Adviser) Robin Wilkinson (Researcher) Osian Bowyer (Researcher) Rhun Davies (Researcher) Nia Moss (Researcher)
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting of the Culture, Communications, Language, Sport and International Relations Committee.

1.2 In accordance with Standing Order 34.19, the Chair determined that the public were excluded from the Committee's meeting in order to protect public health but that the meeting would be broadcast live on www.senedd.tv.

1.3 The Chair stated that if for any reason she dropped out of the meeting, the Committee had agreed that Heledd Fychan MS would become Temporary Chair in accordance with Standing Order 17.22.

1.4 In accordance with Standing Order 17.24A, Heledd Fychan MS, Carolyn Thomas MS and Tom Giffard made declarations of relevant interests:

Heledd Fychan MS declared the following interests: she is a councillor on Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council; she is a governor at Ysgol Gynradd Cymraeg Evan James and she supported the judicial review of the reorganisation of schools in Pontypridd.

Carolyn Thomas MS declared that she is a councillor in Flintshire County Council

Tom Giffard MS declared that he is a councillor in Bridgend County Council

2 Ministerial scrutiny session: Minister for Education and the Welsh Language

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Minister for Education and Welsh Language.

3 General scrutiny of the Welsh Language Commissioner

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4 Scrutiny of the Welsh Language Commissioner's Annual Report 2020–21 and Assurance Report 2020–21

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5 Papers to note

5.1 The papers were noted.

5.3 Letter from the Welsh Language Commissioner to the Chair of the Local Government and Housing Committee

5.4 Letter to the Welsh Government following the Ministerial Scrutiny session with the Minister for Economy and the Deputy Minister for the Arts and Sport and Chief Whip

5.5 Letter to the Welsh Government on the impact of the sale of Bad Wolf

6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting

6.1 The Motion was agreed.

7 Private debrief

7.1 The Committee considered the evidence received and agreed to write to the Welsh Government on issues raised in the meeting.

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8 Discussion of Forward Work Programme

8.1 The Committee discussed the draft forward work programme and agreed to write to Business Committee to request extra meeting time.