

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

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 4

Meeting date: Thursday, 13 October
2022

Meeting time: 09.30 – 12.50

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Delyth Jewell MS (Chair) Hefin David MS Alun Davies MS Heledd Fychan MS Tom Giffard MS Sioned Williams MS Buffy Williams MS
Witnesses:	Efa Gruffudd Jones, Preferred candidate for the role of Welsh Language Commissioner Angharad Morgan, Mudiad Meithrin Aled Jones–Griffith, Coleg Meirion Dwyfor Dafydd Trystan, Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol Darren Price, Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) Meinir Ebbsworth, Association of Directors of Education



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Committee Staff:	Lleu Williams (Clerk) Llinos Madeley (Clerk) Tom Lewis–White (Second Clerk) Andrea Storer (Secretariat) Manon Huws (Legal Adviser) Stephen Davies Osian Bowyer (Researcher) Sara Moran (Researcher)
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 At the Committee’s meeting of 6 October, Alun Davies MS was elected temporary Chair for the first four items of today’s meeting. The temporary Chair noted that for these items, apologies had been received from Delyth Jewell MS and Heledd Fychan MS. Both had been part of the recruitment panel for the post, and had therefore agreed they should not be present for items relating to the pre-appointment hearing. Sioned Williams MS substituted.

1.2 The temporary Chair welcomed Members and the witness to the meeting. Apologies were received from Carolyn Thomas MS.

2 Pre-appointment hearing for the role of Welsh Language

Commissioner: Evidence session with the Welsh Government's preferred candidate

2.1 The Committee scrutinised the Welsh Government’s preferred candidate.

3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from items 4, 7 and 8

3.1 The motion was agreed.

4 Private debrief

4.1 The Committee considered the evidence heard in the session with the preferred candidate.

4.2 Due to reporting timescales the Members agreed to consider and agree the report on the pre-appointment hearing electronically. The report will be laid early next week.

5 Welsh in Education Strategic Plans (WESPS): Evidence session with Welsh medium early years, post-16 and adult learner provision

5.1 Delyth Jewell MS resumed as Chair for the remainder of the meeting and thanked Alun Davies MS for chairing the first four items. Heledd Fychan MS joined the meeting.

5.2 The Chair welcomed Sioned Williams MS and Buffy Williams MS attending from the Children, Young People, and Education Committee for its joint inquiry into Welsh in Education Strategic Plans (WESPs).

5.3 The Committee heard evidence from representatives of Mudiad Meithrin, CollegesWales, and Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol.

6 Welsh in Education Strategic Plans (WESPS): Evidence session with local government representatives

6.1 The Committee heard evidence from representatives of local government.

7 Private debrief

7.1 The Committee considered the evidence received under items 5 and 6.

8 Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Northern Ireland Protocol Bill

8.1 The Committee received a briefing on the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Northern Ireland Protocol Bill.

8.2 Members considered the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Northern Ireland Protocol Bill and agreed to write to the Business Committee in relation to its reporting deadline.