

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

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 4 – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: Thursday, 30 March 2023

Meeting time: 09.32 – 13.02

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## Hybrid

### Attendance

| Category               | Names   |
|------------------------|---|
| Members of the Senedd: | Delyth Jewell MS (Chair)<br>Hefin David MS<br>Ken Skates MS<br>Alun Davies MS<br>Heledd Fychan MS<br>Tom Giffard MS<br>Carolyn Thomas MS  |
| Witnesses:             | Mícheál Ó Foighil, Coláiste Lurgan<br>Lowri Williams, Welsh Language Commissioner<br>Denise McQuade, Department of Foreign Affairs<br>Gwyn Evans, Pembrokeshire County Council<br>Steven Conlan, Swansea University |
| Committee Staff:       | Rhys Morgan (Clerk)<br>Rhea James (Deputy Clerk)<br>Sara Moran (Researcher)   |



## **1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

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

1.2 Apologies were received from Hefin David MS, Ken Skates MS substituted.

## **2 Wales–Ireland relations: evidence session with language organisations**

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from representatives from language organisations.

## **3 Wales–Ireland relations: evidence session with the Consul General of Ireland in Cardiff**

3.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Consul General of Ireland in Cardiff.

## **4 Wales–Ireland relations: evidence session with recipients of EU funding**

4.1 The Committee received evidence from recipients of EU funding.

## **5 Papers to note**

5.1 The papers were noted.

5.1 Allegations surrounding the Welsh Rugby Union

## **6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (iv) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting**

6.1 The Motion was agreed.

## **7 Wales–Ireland relations: consideration of evidence**

7.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

## **8 Wales–Ireland relations: discussion of the inquiry work programme**

8.1 The Committee reviewed the inquiry timeline.

## **9 Allegations surrounding the Welsh Rugby Union: consideration of the outcome of the Welsh Rugby Union Extraordinary General Meeting**

9.1 The Committee discussed the outcome of the Welsh Rugby Union Extraordinary General Meeting.

## **10 Additional funding for swimming pools**

10.1 Following the UK Government announcement allocating £63 million of funding for swimming pools in England, the Committee agreed to write to the Minister for Finance and Local Government and the Deputy Minister for Arts, Sport and Chief Whip regarding additional funding for swimming pools.